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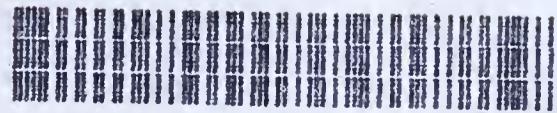
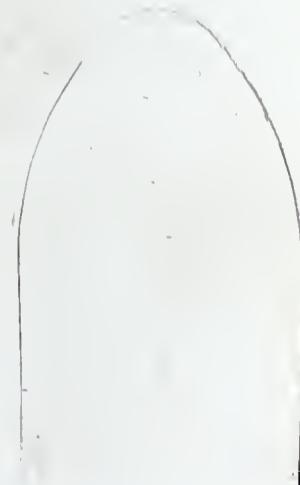


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INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE,

September 21, 1868.

MONDAY, September 21, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

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| JAMES P. SANDERS..... | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| E. D. FARNSWORTH..... | R. W. Deputy Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY..... | R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| JOHN S. HEISS..... | R. W. Grand Marshal. |
| JOHN P. FOSS..... | R. W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..... | R. W. Grand Messenger. |

And Representatives from twenty-one Grand Lodges and fifteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. F. A. ELLIS..... | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. E. DANA BANCROFT..... | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. P. JAMES TERWILLIGER..... | New York. |
| P. G. M. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON..... | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. M. WM. R. MCLEAN..... | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. HIRAM VEILE..... | Ohio. |

GRAND LODGES—continued.

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| P. G. JOHN H. HORN..... | New Jersey. |
| P. G. M. T. B. McCARTY..... | Indiana. |
| P. G. M. JULIUS ATWOOD..... | Connecticut. |
| P. G. M. CYRUS K. LADD..... | Maine. |
| P. G. M. S. S. DAVIS..... | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. WM. OAKES..... | Michigan. |
| P. G. P. H. S. MACK..... | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. J. G. BURTON..... | Vermont. |
| P. G. M. ERIE J. LEECH..... | Iowa. |
| P. G. M. J. F. DRISCOL..... | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. M. C. D. STRONG..... | Minnesota. |
| P. G. C. W. DANNALS..... | California. |
| P. G. JAMES WOODYATT..... | Ontario. |
| P. G. M. F. P. BAKER..... | Kansas. |
| P. G. M. JOHN F. SMITH..... | West Virginia. |

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. M. JOHN H. WHITE..... | New York. |
| P. G. P. DANIEL FITHIAN..... | Ohio. |
| P. G. M. JACOB H. ROBINSON..... | Virginia. |
| P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES..... | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. P. FRANK R. FORCE..... | New Jersey. |
| P. G. P. AMOS JOHNSON..... | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. P. JOSEPH B. ADAMS..... | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. FRED. D. STUART..... | District of Columbia. |
| P. G. M. J. L. HAUPt..... | Georgia. |
| P. G. M. B. W. DENNIS..... | Michigan. |
| P. G. Sec. JOHN F. HIDE..... | Tennessee. |
| P. G. P. L. K. BARBER..... | Mississippi. |
| P. C. P. WM. H. FOULK..... | Delaware. |
| P. G. P. JOHN C. SMITH..... | Illinois. |
| P. G. P. STEWART HASTINGS..... | Kansas. |

PAST GRAND Sires.

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| JOHN A. KENNEDY..... | New York. |
| JAS. B. NICHOLSON | Pennsylvania. |
| ISAAC M. VEITCH..... | Missouri. |

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the following as the Committee on Credentials:

Reps. BLAIR, of Indiana; MACK, of Wisconsin; BAKER, of Kansas; BARBER, of Mississippi; and BURTON, of Vermont.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following brethren duly accredited Representatives to this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

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| P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY..... | Maryland. |
| P. G. M. WM. E. FORD..... | Massachusetts. |
| P. G. M. R. A. LAMBERTON..... | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. CORNELIUS A. MARVIN..... | New York. |
| P. G. M. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, JR..... | Maine. |
| P. G. ALBERT COHEN (appointed one year, vice P. HOOPER)..... | Arkansas. |
| P. G. JOHN F. HAVENNER..... | District of Columbia. |

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

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| P. G. M. JOSHUA MARIS..... | Delaware. |
| P. G. M. JOHN W. CARTER..... | Ohio. |
| P. G. LUTHER HOMES..... | Louisiana. |
| P. G. M. H. B. ANDREWS..... | Texas. |
| P. G. M. W. RICHARDSON..... | Texas. |
| P. G. P. THEO. A. ROSS..... | New Jersey. |
| P. G. M. M. J. DURHAM..... | Kentucky. |
| P. D. G. Sire E. H. FITZHUGH..... | Virginia. |
| P. G. M. JOSEPH A. FUNK..... | Indiana. |
| P. G. M. AMZI E. LOVE..... | Mississippi. |
| P. G. M. HENRY S. HERR..... | Illinois. |
| P. G. M. JOHN G. ROGERS (to fill vacancy one year)... | Illinois. |
| P. G. M. FREDERICK BOTSFORD..... | Connecticut. |
| P. G. M. WM. H. McCONNELL..... | Tennessee. |
| P. G. P. C. P. ELDER (appointed)..... | Colorado. |
| P. G. M. W. B. HARRIS..... | Georgia. |
| P. G. M. C. C. MILLER..... | Georgia. |
| P. G. JOHN L. SPRING..... | New Hampshire. |
| P. G. M. JONATHAN SPRAGUE..... | Michigan. |
| P. G. M. QUARTUS H. BARRON..... | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. M. J. NORWOOD CLARK..... | Iowa. |
| P. G. A. J. GUNNISON..... | California. |
| P. G. ROBERT DOULL..... | Lower Pro. B. N. A. |
| P. G. GEORGE DAMON (appointed, vice A. B. CLARK, resigned)..... | Florida. |
| P. G. WM. P. BURNS..... | Oregon. |
| P. G. E. L. BRISTOW..... | Oregon. |
| P. G. JONAS HACKER..... | Nebraska. |
| P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN..... | Kansas. |
| P. G. I. H. DUVAL..... | West Virginia. |
| P. G. GEORGE H. MORRISON | Nevada. |
| P. G. M. HENRY McAFFEE..... | Ontario. |
| P. G. M. J. W. BARRET..... | Missouri. |
| P. D. G. M. WM. H. CLARK..... | North Carolina. |
| P. G. M. GEORGE NUNGESSER (appointed to fill va- cancy)..... | Louisiana. |
| P. G. W. A. SHIELDS..... | Alabama. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

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| P. G. P. C. P. TULEY..... | Indiana. |
| P. G. P. JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE..... | Maryland. |
| P. C. P. JOHN H. BAILEY..... | Pennsylvania. |
| P. G. P. JOSEPH DOWDALL | Ohio. |
| P. G. P. M. S. DOWDEN..... | Kentucky. |
| P. G. P. SAMUEL H. HARRIS..... | Connecticut. |
| P. G. M. SAMUEL READ..... | New Jersey. |
| P. G. P. JOSEPH G. MARTIN..... | South Carolina. |
| P. G. P. CHARLES HAYDEN..... | Massachusetts. |
| P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE..... | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. M. L. B. HILLS (appointed)..... | Wisconsin. |
| P. G. JAMES A. HAYNIE (appointed, vice THOMAS M. JOSEPH, resigned)..... | Texas. |
| P. G. P. DANIEL N. PAINE..... | Rhode Island. |
| P. G. P. CHARLES PERKINS | Illinois. |
| P. G. M. THOMAS D. EVANS (appointed)..... | Iowa. |
| P. G. JACOB RUSSELL..... | New York. |
| P. G. JOHN B. GLENN..... | Iowa. |
| P. G. Rep. GEO. M. GARWOOD..... | California. |
| P. G. P. D. BARNEY WOOLF (one year, to fill vacancy) . | California. |

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

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| P. G. P. N. G. CUMMINGS..... | Maine. |
| P. C. P. GEORGE BAIRD..... | West Virginia. |
| P. G. M. E. M. RUSHA (appointed in place of A. W. HUNTER)..... | Louisiana. |
| P. G. P. F. J. BARNARD | Alabama. |
| P. G. P. EWING M. SLOAN | Missouri. |

Respectfully submitted.

H. S. MACK,
F. J. BLAIR,
F. P. BAKER,
L. K. BARBER,
J. G. BURTON.

A quorum being now present, the M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication from Rev. Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, R. W. Grand Chaplain:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 20, 1868.

DEAR BROTHER SANDERS: I write by an amanuensis because I cannot write myself. I am sick nigh unto death; have been suffering here upon my bed for nearly five weeks, unable to stand upon my feet or help myself at all, caused by a complication of hay fever, rheumatism, and spasmodic asthma. Up to the last moment I have hoped to be present at the opening of the Grand Lodge, but I find it impossible. I still hope and believe that I will be able to reach Baltimore some time during the session; will start at the earliest moment that my physician will give his consent. My ardent desire is while I live to serve the Order that I have loved so long and so well; and when I die I want to die with the harness on. Please, therefore, do not "*count me out*" yet; but get some brother to officiate for me *pro tem.* until it shall be definitely settled whether or not it will be possible for me to reach Baltimore during the session, of which you shall be informed in due season.

Please bear a message of love from me to the brethren who shall assemble at this annual session, and say to them that in the day of weakness and suffering my love for them and for the great principles in the furtherance of which they are laboring is deepened and quickened; and, looking back from old age through the labors of a busy life, there is no part of those labors upon which I look with a more calm and deep satisfaction than upon that which has been devoted to the interests of our beloved Order. And if in the course of Divine Providence this should be the last message they hear from me, my last words to them are, "Be ye faithful even unto the end."

Yours, in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
By his son, I. D. Williamson, Jr.

The Chair appointed Rep. CHARLES PERKINS, of Illinois, R. W. Grand Chaplain p. t., who addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

O Lord God! Creator, upholder, governor, and benefactor of the universe, Thy servants here assembled this morning would humbly pray Thy blessing upon the work in which they are engaged. Give to them, we beseech Thee, faith in Thy being, Thy wisdom, and Thy power. We thank Thee for Thy blessing which has been upon our beloved Order all along the past of its history, making it so great a blessing to humanity, and making it so great a minister of comfort and joy to sorrowing hearts. We thank Thee for that kind providence which has attended us in our journeyings to this place, as we have come from the East and the West, from the North and the South. And now we pray Thee to prepare us for our duties here as the representatives of a great and noble Order. May truth be enthroned in all

our minds, and give direction to all our activities. May love permeate and fill all our hearts, and give tone and character to all our energies. May courtesy of manner, kindness of spirit, and a disposition to oblige, characterize all our intercourse with each other. May wisdom and efficiency regulate all our doings. May the legislation which shall be reached by the Grand Lodge at its present session be productive of the happiest results. We commend to Thee our families and loved ones; may their life and health be precious in Thy sight, and may we find them in safety and comfort upon our return from this post of duty. And now we pray Thee graciously to regard and mercifully to bless and restore to health our esteemed brother, the R. W. Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, now lying sick in a distant city. Hear us, Heavenly Father, in these our prayers, and the praise shall be to Thy peerless majesty, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, a committee was appointed to draw for seats to be occupied by the Representatives.

The Chair named Reps. DENNIS, of Michigan; HOMES, of Louisiana; BARRON, of Wisconsin; RICHARDSON, of Texas; and MARTIN, of South Carolina, as the committee.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted, and the Representatives were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee for the purpose of drawing for seats, report as follows:

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| Maryland..... | 107, 108, 109, 110 | New Hampshire..... | 82, 83, 84 |
| Massachusetts..... | 78, 79, 80, 81 | Michigan..... | 68, 69, 70 |
| New York..... | 92, 93, 94, 95 | Wisconsin..... | 20, 21, 22, 23 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 74, 75, 76, 77 | Vermont..... | 44 |
| District of Columbia..... | 29, 30, 31 | Iowa..... | 53, 54, 55, 56 |
| Delaware..... | 35, 36, 37 | Rhode Island..... | 103, 104 |
| Ohio..... | 96, 97, 98, 99 | Florida..... | 28 |
| Louisiana..... | 32, 33, 34 | Minnesota | 112 |
| New Jersey..... | 49, 50, 51, 52 | California..... | 38, 39, 40, 41 |
| Kentucky..... | 61, 62, 63, 64 | Ontario..... | 14, 15, 16 |
| Virginia..... | 17, 18, 19 | Lower Provinces..... | 1 |
| Indiana..... | 24, 25, 26, 27 | Oregon | 42, 43 |
| Mississippi..... | 88, 89, 90 | Nebraska..... | 111 |
| Missouri..... | 2, 3, 4 | Kansas..... | 65, 66, 67 |
| Illinois..... | 45, 46, 47, 48 | West Virginia..... | 57, 58, 59 |
| Connecticut..... | 85, 86, 87 | Nevada | 113 |
| Texas..... | 71, 72, 73 | Colorado..... | 60 |
| South Carolina..... | 105, 106 | Tennessee..... | 100, 101, 102 |
| North Carolina..... | 11 | Alabama..... | 12, 13 |
| Georgia..... | 8, 9, 10 | Arkansas..... | 91 |
| Maine..... | 5, 6 7 | | |

B. W. DENNIS,
LUTHER HOMES,
QUARTUS H. BARRON,
W. RICHARDSON,
JOS. G. MARTIN.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with.

The Chair presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE, September 17, 1868.

To the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States:

The Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company present to the Grand Lodge complimentary cards for the use of its Representatives during their stay in this city.

Very respectfully,

HENRY TYSON, President.

Also the following:

BALTIMORE, September 21, 1868.

The Grand Lodge of the United States is respectfully invited as a body to attend Holliday Street Theatre on Tuesday evening, 22d September, to witness the performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

It is advisable for the members to be at the theatre by 7½ o'clock. Special seats will be reserved for their accommodation.

Fraternally,

JOHN T. FORD, Manager.

It would be preferable to meet at the Hall, and move from there in a body to the theatre, but this is left to G. M. Herring to arrange as will best suit the convenience of the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the courtesies extended by HENRY TYSON, President of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway, and by Bro. JOHN T. FORD, Proprietor of the Holliday Street Theatre, be accepted; and that the thanks of the Lodge are hereby tendered to the said gentlemen.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: Once more we assemble in annual communication to legislate for the good and welfare of that great brotherhood, not confined to our own national territory, but extending beyond this continent; not only to legislate for the present generation, but for generations yet to come; and at the threshold of our session I greet you with a fraternal greeting, and welcome you to this the birth-place of American Odd-Fellowship. I can again congratulate you upon the continued and unexampled growth of our beloved Order. The past year has more fully developed our greatness. From nearly every jurisdiction comes up the sounds of rejoicing. Our altars burn brightly, and the incense therefrom is scattered abroad so profusely as to excite the appreciative interest of the good and virtuous, who are compelled to take cognizance of the great benefits resulting to mankind from our united efforts to promulgate our great principles. Acknowledged everywhere as an established Order, our cause has taken deep root in the human heart, and we have but for the future to reap the fruits planted by the early pioneers of our Order. Surely we have great cause for congratulation to ourselves; and especially should we, at the commencement of our annual session, render devout thanks to the ever living God for the many blessings that we, as an Order, have received at His hands, and beseech Him that His face may not be turned from us. From the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer it will be perceived that never since our existence as an Order have we received, in one year, so numerous a body of members into our fold. Nor is this increase confined to any particular jurisdiction; all seem to have enjoyed the fruits of prosperity, and from nearly

every jurisdiction comes up the glad sounds of victory. The number of members received the past year into our Subordinate Lodges exceed forty thousand. Nor should we be ashamed of the men who have been received among us, from numerous visitations made the past few years. I have been forcibly impressed that we are adding such strength to our numbers that they will be felt in time to come. Men who have learnt our principles, who have seen our work in the world, and are convinced that Odd-Fellowship is a reality, and thus being convinced, they have given us the benefit of their counsel, help and countenance. The growth is a healthy one, and will, I am sure, endure to the end. The finance of our Order, not only in this Grand Lodge, but in our Subordinates, never were in better condition. Our treasuries are augmenting, and everywhere peace and prosperity in our Order is the standing word.

At the commencement of my term of office, I expected to have had the opportunity of visiting the most of our State jurisdictions during the term, but, from circumstances beyond my control, I have only had the pleasure of meeting my brethren in seventeen of them. In these I have had full opportunity to examine the workings of our Institution. In all of them I found that the spirit of the Order had been fully established; that the early teachings of the *fathers of the Order* had been well planted, and had taken deep root, and that from the faithfulness of the brotherhood the harvest had been a good one, and the end not yet—I found them fully imbued with our principles, and that they were not confined to their Lodge rooms, but that the world around them were receiving benefit from the faithful brethren. I would, at this time, extend my warm and heartfelt thanks to those brethren, not only for their example in community, but hold them up to the world, as bright examples of those who carried into their daily communications the true principles of Odd-Fellowship. These are the causes of our rapid growth as an Order; and so long as our members live up to these principles, so long shall we succeed and grow great in the hearts of good men. As your representative, I was cordially and warmly received wherever I visited, and I trust, words spoken in season may have a happy and beneficial effect. The members of the Order everywhere look up to your body with respect and veneration—regarding you as the supreme head of the Order. Your mandates are received and obeyed cheerfully, and I trust such may always be the case. So long, representatives, as we confine our work to our legitimate sphere of action, and legislate for the good of the whole Order, will this faith in our body remain. Such, I trust, may be our action at the present session. Business of great importance to us all awaits your action at this time; and to you, as the chosen representatives of the whole Order, great responsibility rests. I trust that all of our actions at the present time may redound to the honor of this Grand Lodge, and the welfare of the entire brotherhood.

The 26th day of April, 1869, will be the semi-centennial anniversary of our Order in the United States. It would seem necessary and proper that the day should be celebrated rather more than on ordinary occasions; and I trust that you may take some action in the premises. Let there be rejoicings wherever a Lodge of the Order can be found. Let the world, as far as possible, know what Odd-Fellowship is. If we have faith in our principles, let the people know them; and the result must be good. I believe the time has come when we should proclaim our mission to the world.

I would also call your attention to the fact, which has not heretofore been generally acknowledged, that much of our success in years past has been accomplished through and by the influence of the public press, and it is another evidence of the position we hold before the community, that they give to their readers accounts of our annual meetings and of our proceedings. I would respectfully urge upon our membership the use of these great leaders of public opinion. In every city, town and village, where our Lodges are located, a small amount of money expended yearly, in giving notice of our place of meeting, of our anniversaries and public meetings, would be

the means of keeping our Order before the public, and would repay us a hundred fold. Nor would I neglect our *own* press. We have our magazines and periodicals, and they should receive from us a generous support. I regard them as great auxiliaries to our cause, and that they have been and will be for time to come, the means of spreading abroad information that will do much for the welfare of our Order.

Dispensations have been issued, and the following Lodges and Encampments instituted during the year, viz:

The Grand Lodge of Colorado, at Denver City, Colorado.
Oasis Encampment, No. 5, at Brattleboro, Vermont.
Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, Dakotah Territory.
Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona Territory.
..... Encampment, No. 4, Brantford, Ontario.

All of which have commenced operations under the most favorable circumstances.

At the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge held in 1859, our Worthy Grand Secretary reported that he had received from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, a regular and formal application for a Grand Charter recognizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria as an independent sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship, and which said communication was referred at the same session to a special committee, who reported the following resolution, viz:

"That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the work of the Order in Victoria, with that used in this jurisdiction, has been provided, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there; and if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America."

This resolution, after ample investigation by this Grand Lodge, was unanimously adopted. This resolution was duly forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and no response was received from that body until the 23rd day of January, 1861, and from which communication it appeared that the above resolution of this body had never been received by them. On the 8th day of April, 1861, our Grand Secretary again forwarded a copy of the action and resolution upon the subject matter to their Grand Secretary, which it is supposed duly reached its destination, for in the year 1862 the Grand Secretary reports that he had received two communications from the Grand Secretary of Victoria Grand Lodge, upon the subject of affiliation, and expressing a hope of yet attaining it. Thus the matter rested, until the 29th day of March, 1862. The acting Grand Sire, MILTON HERNDON, in his report of that year, says, "at the suggestion of our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary," he had forwarded a blank commission to the Grand Secretary of California, Bro. T. ROGERS JOHNSON, to proceed or send a suitable brother to Australia, and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and if found favorable, invested him with full authority to institute the Order in that far-off land, as an independent jurisdiction, as required by the resolution passed in 1859. The action of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary was fully endorsed and concurred in by this body. This matter, thus so happily initiated, remained in the hands of Brother JOHNSON from that time until the past year. That worthy brother, whose heart appeared to be in the cause, being unable himself to fulfill the mission, and also unable to find any duly qualified brother to undertake the same, kept the matter in abeyance until September, 1867, when the way was

opened. Past Grand Representative A. D. MEACHAM, of California, accepted the mission of introducing our work in Australia, and, under date of September 23d, 1867, he announced to our worthy Grand Secretary that he was on his way to his field of labor, where he arrived on the 8th day of November, and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties. Before this, having heard that the worthy brother had accepted the mission, on the 7th day of October, 1867, I duly forwarded to him, in accordance with his wishes, full instructions as to his duty in the premises, that in the future no misunderstanding or claims might arise, and that the brotherhood of Australia might definitely understand upon what terms and conditions they were received into *our Order*, and especially called his attention to the fact that while our Grand Lodge desired to spread the benign influences of our Order in foreign climes, we could not lose sight for a moment that *our work* must be the work used, without alteration of a single *letter or sign*. Since then I have received full reports from Bro. MEACHAM, that his mission has been more successful than could have been expected. He has been acknowledged everywhere, by the Order in Australia, as the missionary from the Grand Lodge of the United States, his instructions received with avidity, and the Order there quite enthusiastic on the adoption of the "American Constitution," as they term it. From his reports to me, the field of his labor is a large one. He reports that the Grand Lodge of Victoria has under its charge forty Lodges and one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six members. At the session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, held February 22d, 1868, the whole matter come up before the Grand Lodge—Bro. MEACHAM was present. There were present the M. W. Grand Master STIRLING, D. Grand Master DICKENSON, R. W. Grand Warden BREWSTER, R. W. Grand Secretary COHEN, R. W. Grand Treasurer HEDRICKS and seventy-one members. After a full interchange of opinion upon the subject, the vote was taken, and the resolutions of accepting the charter, work, &c., upon the terms and conditions specified in the instructions of special Worthy Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM was adopted by a vote of sixty-two to nine. Immediately after the receipt of this gratifying intelligence, our R. W. Grand Secretary had prepared a charter for the Grand Lodge of Australia, which was duly signed by me, and the same forwarded to Bro. MEACHAM, for presentation to the brothers. On the 22d day of February, 1868, in accordance with the request and resolution of the brethren present at the session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, the officers vacated their chairs, and Bro. MEACHAM then instituted the Grand Lodge of Australia, installed their officers, and instructed all present in the unwritten work of *our Order*. Since that time our worthy brother has been earnestly engaged in visiting the various Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, instructing them in the new work, and from letters received from him since, he announces they are all anxious to become perfect in the work. He has established one rule in this new field of labor which I should like to see generally carried out at home. That each officer must commit to memory the various charges appertaining to his office. Thus laying a foundation at the outset that must prove beneficial to their Lodges. The field around Victoria seems to be under the eye of our special W. G. Sire. He reports the relative strength of the Order in that country at present as follows, viz:

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| Grand Lodge of Victoria, | 40 Lodges, | about..... | 2000 | members. |
| " | " South Australia, | 22 Lodges, | about..1500 | " |
| " | " Tasmania, | 7 | " .. 500 | " |
| Making in all about..... | | | 4000 | " |

The cheering news of the adoption of the American Work by the Grand Lodge of Victoria was published in the newspapers of Australia, and seems to have had quite a good effect abroad, for application has already been made by the Grand Lodge of Tasmania for the work, and the prospects are

that it will become universal among the membership in Australia. At the time the Charter was sent the Grand Lodge, I addressed a letter in your name to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of a congratulatory character, expressing to them our hopes of success, &c. The delay occasioned by irregularity in the mails have prevented a reply from the brothers, but, no doubt, we shall hear from them in a short time. I have also written to Brother MEACHAM congratulating him upon the emphatic success of his mission. But this is your business. I suggest that the Grand Lodge take the proper means to acknowledge their thanks to Brother T. ROGERS JOHNSON, the worthy R. W. G. Secretary of California, for the interest he has manifested and the assistance he has rendered in carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge in this matter, and to Special D. G. Sire and P. G. Rep. A. D. MEACHAM, their cordial thanks and approbation to him for the satisfactory manner which he has performed this very delicate mission. I congratulate you, representatives, on this auspicious event. It opens a new field for our action, and I suggest in view of the fact, would it not be proper to commence operations to extend the *American Order* throughout the civilized world, to make of our Order a universal brotherhood? I know in Germany the matter has already been suggested. England we have tried, but with poor success; still, with the present facilities of intercourse and interchange of sentiment, I believe it may succeed. The thought is worthy of your attention, and I leave the matter with you. With this Report I annex all communications, form of commission, action and resolutions of Grand Lodge of Victoria, suggestions of Rep. MEACHAM in regard to printing cards, &c., &c., to which I most respectfully direct your close attention; they are important and worthy of more than mere passing notice.

The following are the only decisions made by me during the year that require confirmation by you, viz.:

First. The seal of a Lodge or Encampment is in the official care of the Secretary or Scribe. They have no right to use the same, except as authorized by their Lodge or Encampment, or in the legitimate business of the Lodge or Encampment where it may be necessary to use the seal.

Second. A certificate to authorize a brother to receive his degrees away from the location of his Lodge, can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a Degree Lodge the application cannot be made.

Third. A brother in possession of a traveling or visiting card is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights as a member of his Lodge.

Fourth. Traveling or visiting cards are only intended to be used by a brother when traveling or visiting beyond his State jurisdiction. The A. T. P. W. cannot be used by a brother while visiting a Lodge within his own State, and a N. G. of a Lodge within the same jurisdiction would be justified in refusing to admit the brother unless he has the P. W. of the term.

Fifth. The R. H. S. of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G. chair has no right to authorize a brother to confer the term-word upon another brother of the same Lodge to enable him to visit other Lodges.

Sixth. There is no such rule in the Order "as to change the place of trial of the brother." He must be tried in the Lodge or Encampment where he is a member, and where the charges are preferred. No other Lodge or Encampment has jurisdiction in the matter.

Seventh. A. D. D. G. Sire has no right, by virtue of his office, to take the C. P.'s chair in an Encampment. He can only take such chair when surrendered to him for installation of the officers.

Eighth. A brother holding a traveling or visiting card is entitled in visiting to use the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his card was granted.

Ninth. An officer elected cannot be installed in office by proxy.

Tenth. A Special Deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encamp-

ment, fulfils his duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted, and he has made report of the same.

Eleventh. All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well-known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal, it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order.

I respectfully call your attention to a decision made at the last session of this R. W. Body, in regard to the manner of balloting for Degrees. The Committee on the State of the Order submitted a resolution, that after performing the work in the degrees "they might open in the Initiatory Degree and close in due form," which was adopted, but afterwards the vote was reconsidered, and finally amended, "and shall not be opened again in the Initiatory." During the past year I have received numerous communications upon the subject, claiming that after the Lodge was duly closed for the evening, it was almost impossible to procure a quorum of members to do the necessary work required, in some cases, the officers of the Lodge, claiming that, the Lodge being duly closed, they had no right to officiate farther. In all cases I have decided that the Grand Lodge of the United States having decided the matter, there was no other course to pursue but to follow out their mandates. In this connection the question arose, whether it was necessary to have a quorum of members present to transact the business. To which I replied in the affirmative, as no Lodge can be opened for the transaction of any business, unless a quorum, as provided by these laws, were present. I therefore suggest the propriety of again adopting the resolution as recommended by the Committee of the State of the Order at the late session.

Since the last session of this R. W. Body, I have received numerous inquiries from late members of our Order, who have been suspended or expelled from their Lodges and Encampments for non-payment of dues, praying that our Grand Lodge may take some action in the matter so that they may again become members of the Order. The subject is one of great importance to us as an Order, and has repeatedly been brought before our Grand Lodge, but action has been delayed from time to time. From an examination of the annual reports for the past twenty years, it will be found in that time the Subordinate Lodges have suspended from membership no less than 214,990 members, and with but few exceptions for non-payment of dues; no doubt many of these have been reinstated, but the great number are Odd-Fellows but in name—having no legal existence. There are no doubt in this number many who have allowed themselves to be suspended, because they never were with us in heart, and in some cases where they have joined with selfish objects, and failing to carry out their designs, have followed this course to be relieved of membership. But from general inquiry in the various jurisdictions, it will be found that many have failed to pay their dues on account of inability to do so at the time they were called upon, and before they were able to meet the demands have become suspended. I believe the time has come when we should act in this matter, to throw open the doors of our Lodge rooms for the admission of these very men, and I have no doubt their reception will tend to advance the prosperity of our Order. I therefore trust the subject will be disposed of at the present session, in such manner as may be thought best for the welfare of our Order.

Since the last session of this R. W. Body, I have endeavored to find out from the different Secretaries of the Southern Grand Lodges the exact condition of our Order in their respective jurisdictions, how they stood, what their wants were, and their prospects for the future; and on the 12th day of last June I addressed a letter to each of the jurisdictions, a copy of which accompanies this report. In response to the same, I have heard

from Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas. These reports show a slight increase in membership during the past year. That notwithstanding what they have passed through since 1861, they are doing what they can to carry out the great principles of the Order. That they are resuscitating Lodges that had become dormant on account of the ravages of the war. That the relief furnished them the past year by this Grand Lodge and the Order generally has been gratefully received, and have been the means of cheering the hearts of our brethren who had been struggling manfully against what seemed to them almost death to the Order, which they revered, and which they had been trying to uphold. I would respectfully call your attention to the correspondence from these jurisdictions, coming as it does from men who are supposed, from their official position, to be well acquainted with the progress and future prospects of the Order in their respective jurisdictions; some considerable light may be gleaned that no doubt will be of advantage to us in our legislation, if any should be required of a special character for our Southern brethren. I must say, that from my examination of the same I am gratified by the spirit manifested by our worthy brethren. They show the spirit of men who are determined to advance our standard. Though they have passed through the fires of affliction, they are not wanting in the duties they owe to our Order. That they are determined that they will again take their places in our ranks, and as of yore be again found fighting manfully for the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Just prior to the close of the last annual session, a resolution was adopted instructing the G. C. and R. Secretary to have five hundred copies of volume five, of the Revised Journal bound, &c. At the time the resolution was adopted no appropriation of funds for payment of the same was made, and the Grand Lodge closed without making any. Immediately after the session Bro. RIDGELEY called my attention to the oversight and asked for my advice in the matter. I advised that brother to carry the resolution into effect, as I had no doubt that from the adoption of the resolution by the Grand Lodge they certainly intended the volume should be bound and distributed as therein ordered. I trust this action will meet your approval, and that the necessary appropriation may be made this session for the payment of the said work.

Every Annual Report announces the loss of some well-known brother and co-worker with us in our Grand Lodge. At this time, I have to announce the departure from us of P. G. M. and G. Rep. G. L. TOWNSEND, of Connecticut, and P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. JOHN W. HODGSON, of the District of Columbia. Both of the brothers were ardent members and will be greatly missed, not only by their own jurisdictions but by the Order at large. The particulars of their deaths I am unable to give you, but, no doubt, their colleagues and successors will announce in befitting terms the loss they have met.

Thus, representatives, I have given you briefly my actions for the past year. I trust that they may meet with your approbation, and that I may have your assistance and hearty co-operation in progressing the business to come before us at the present session, and with my heartfelt thanks for the many favors I have received at your hands, believe me,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, the report was referred to a special committee of three, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the different subjects therein referred to.

The Chair named Reps. STUART, of District of Columbia, READ, of New Jersey, and PAGE, of Wisconsin, as the committee.

By unanimous consent, Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary now submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The usual Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is respectfully submitted. The several special duties assigned to him to be performed during the recess are indicated by the subjoined resolutions.

DUTIES ASSIGNED AT THE LAST SESSION.

1. *Resolved*, That M. W. G. M. GOULD, of the Grand Lodge of New York, and M. W. G. Sire SANDERS, be requested to furnish copies of their addresses upon the reception of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the same may be published with the Revised Journal of this session.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish each officer and member of this Grand Lodge with ten printed copies of the Reports of its Grand Officers and of the Daily Journal.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish, in one volume, with appropriate title, the form for Public Installation, form for Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, form for Laying Corner Stones, and form for Dedicating Halls, together with such other forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States as in the judgment of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary may be proper and expedient.

4. *Resolved*, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presented to each Officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each member of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and daily journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the Revised Journal of this Annual Session.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand C. and R. Secretary be instructed to present to Grand Representative J. H. ROBINSON of Va., a copy of the bound Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge.

8. *Resolved*, That the chirographic portrait of P. G. Sire WILDEY, produced by Brother R. MORRIS SWANDER, of Pennsylvania, out of the eulogy of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, and presented to this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the thanks of this body are cordially tendered to the author for the production of so remarkable a work.

9. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to notify Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Nebraska city, that said Encampment is indebted to this Grand Lodge for its charter fee.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to take the note of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina for its indebtedness to this Grand Body, payable one year after date.

11. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish to Subordinates under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge blank forms containing all the provisions required by the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge relating to the Annual Returns of Grand and Subordinate bodies.

12. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for the warm and courteous reception and the cordial and unremitting hospitality at all times extended to them during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby presented to the various public institutions in New York, and to the gentlemen of the city who have favored us with their courtesies, for the kind attention they have shown to us, and to express to them the profound gratification we have received through their generous hospitality.

Resolved, That the members of this session of this Grand Lodge will ever retain a grateful recollection of the assiduous attentions of P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY and the members of the committee of which he was chairman, and of all the members of the Order in New York whom we have met, for the opportunities they have afforded us of visiting such places and institutions as were most calculated to interest, amuse, and instruct us, and for the perfect arrangements for our comfort. These attentions have made our visit to New York one of unmixed pleasure and gratification.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to the various bodies and gentlemen herein referred to.

13. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. JAMES YOUNG for printing the Revised Journal of Proceedings of the present session, in accordance with the proposal herewith submitted, and marked "Accepted."

14. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to have five hundred copies of the Revised Journals for 1863-4-5-6-7 bound in uniform style with the preceding volumes, so as to constitute Volume V., and, when completed, a copy of said volume be furnished to each member of this Grand Lodge.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ some competent person to prepare a suitable index for the proposed Volume V., and the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay for the preparation of such index.

16. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due to P. G. M. Fred D. STUART, the distinguished Commissioner to the Lower Provinces of B. N. A. for the judicious, able, and efficient manner in which he has discharged the delicate and difficult duties imposed upon him.

17. *Resolved*, That the fidelity of Rep. STUART, in the execution of the trust confided to him in the preparation of the Diagrams and the Digest of the unwritten work, is worthy of our highest commendation; and this Grand Lodge hereby expresses to him its thanks for the patient and persevering efforts made by him to secure such accurate and satisfactory illustrations of the said work.

18. *Resolved*, That twenty-five copies of the tract on Odd-Fellowship and a copy of the Revised Journal of this session be furnished to the Library of the New York Institution for Deaf and Dumb.

19. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to procure copies of the addresses written by the deaf mutes at the New York Institution for Deaf and Dumb, in the

presence of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to have the same printed in the appendix of the Revised Journal, with a statement of the occurrences that transpired upon the occasion.

20. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of the city in which such session is held, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution —the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

21. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals to print the Daily Journal, not to exceed five hundred copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same to be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

The first resolution received my immediate attention after the adjournment of the last session, and I had the pleasure of publishing in the appendix to the Journal of 1867 the very interesting addresses delivered by those two distinguished officers upon the memorable occasion referred to.

The second resolution was complied with.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, having learned that P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, who was the mover of the third resolution, had already made such a compilation of Forms as was indicated in his motion, took occasion to address a letter to that worthy brother soliciting the use of his manuscript, which he promptly transmitted, with permission to use the same if approved. Upon a careful examination of the compilation, I found it to be in all respects an accurate and faithful work, and at once adopted it and commenced its publication. At the instance, however, of P. G. Sire VEITCH I thought it quite advisable that the publication should be deferred, in order that these Forms should be more deliberately considered and passed upon before giving them to the brotherhood as a permanent work, especially as some of them required modification, and others, quite as valuable, and as much needed, it was thought, ought to be provided. Besides which, the price fixed for the sale of the whole Book of Forms was at a less figure than was already prescribed for the single Form of Public Installation, a considerable edition of which was on hand, and which, in the event of the publication of the Form Book, would necessarily remain unsold. Hence the printing was arrested, and the whole subject is committed to the Grand Lodge, with the recommendation that it be referred to a committee with instructions to report the entire work for the action of the Lodge previous to its publication.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh resolutions have been carried into effect.

A copy of the eighth resolution, officially attested, was communicated to Brother R. MORRIS SWANDER, in accordance with its provisions.

The notice contemplated in the ninth resolution was duly transmitted,

and I have the pleasure to report that the amount claimed to be due has been promptly paid.

No application has been made during the year by the Grand Patriarch or other officers of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina to avail of the privilege conferred by the tenth resolution.

The duty enjoined by the eleventh resolution has been carried out, and the returns to the present session have been very generally made upon the form prescribed. I respectfully recommend, upon the suggestion of the Grand Secretary of Ohio, Brother EARL, such a modification of the form as will avoid the return of the names of expelled and suspended members for publication, seeing no benefit to arise from such publication.

In conformity to the order of the twelfth resolution, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary took occasion, early after the close of the last session, to transmit, through the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York for the "warm and courteous reception and the cordial and unremitting hospitality at all times extended to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States during its session," in the city of New York, in September, 1867; also, to the various public institutions of New York, and to the gentlemen of that city, who extended courtesies and kind attentions to the Lodge; also, to P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, chairman, and the members of the committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, for the opportunity afforded the Grand Lodge to visit such places and institutions as were most calculated to interest, amuse, and instruct, and for the perfect arrangements supplied for the pleasure and comfort of the Body." Copies of the letters transmitted are herewith appended.

A contract was made, as directed by the thirteenth resolution, with Brother JAMES YOUNG, for printing the Revised Journal of the last session, in accordance with his proposal, marked accepted by the Committee on Printing. The work has been executed in conformity with the contract, and distributed as the law directs.

In relation to the duty devolved by the fourteenth resolution, some time was lost in carrying out its provisions, in consequence of the failure of the Grand Lodge to make an adequate appropriation for the work contemplated. Under the circumstances, being at a loss what course to pursue, I addressed a communication to the Grand Sire on the subject, which, with his reply, is herewith submitted. At his suggestion the work was contracted for in October, 1867, but owing to the delays incident to the preparation of the index, and the engravings of the Past Grand Sires, the work was not ready for delivery until June last, when it was immediately furnished to each member of the Grand Lodge, as directed by the resolution.

In this connection it is proper to observe that the engravings of the portraits of the P. G. Sires, which embellish the work, were not ordered nor was any appropriation made for the expense thereof at the last session, and the Corresponding Secretary, in view of this fact, would feel greatly self-condemned for venturing upon the assumption of power to incur debt without authority of law but for the mitigating and all-controlling circumstances which impelled the act as one of imperative necessity. The work was ordered with great unanimity by the Grand Lodge, and was eagerly and anxiously expected. Its early publication had already been hindered by the absence of an appropriation to pay for the binding: this difficulty had been only removed by the fact that payment for the work as a matter of course was necessarily implied by the legislation authorizing it. No such implication could be availed of in reference to the engravings, for the reason that no legislation was had on the subject. It was contemplated by the resolution that the work should be uniform. The portraits of all the P. G. Sires, contemporaneous with the past volumes of the Journal, had been engraved and bound with those volumes. It was therefore unavoidable

either that the publication should be deferred to await further legislation, and thus the general expectation be disappointed, or that some one should venture to assume authority in the premises. Upon consultation with the Grand Sire, and by his approval, the Corresponding Secretary determined to contract for the engravings and trust to the intelligence and sense of right of the Grand Lodge to acquit him of official malfeasance in this regard. Accordingly, the service of that ever willing brother, Grand Representative FRED. D. STUART, was availed of, and to him was entrusted the entire subject of contracting for and superintending this work. It would be an act of supererogation on my part to compliment Brother STUART upon the success of his labor in this direction, to commend the fidelity of the engravings to the original subjects, or to compliment the artist upon the great professional ability displayed in the execution of these portraits, since the work itself speaks its own merits in most unmistakable language. I trust that this explanation may be considered entirely satisfactory.

The preparation of the index to the volume was referred to P. G. Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, whose previous labors in that direction had especially familiarized him with the subject, and whose work had given very general satisfaction. The manuscript was received from that brother during all of the spring of 1868, and promptly put to press under his immediate supervision. From the examination which my time has enabled me to give to the subject, I consider this index accurate and reliable. An index, however elaborately prepared, and by no matter how pains-taking, patient, and laborious an author, cannot be expected to be free from error or omissions. It is a work emphatically *sui generis*, and it is not everybody who has the proper talent in that direction: hence criticism in relation to this class of professional labor should be considerate. I am very sure that the index to the fifth volume of the Journal will be recognized by the brotherhood at large as a great acquisition, and will be highly appreciated.

The sixteenth and seventeenth resolutions, in connexion with a resolution unanimously adopted, upon the report of the Committee on Finance, appropriating "two hundred dollars to P. G. M. and G. Rep. F. D. STUART for services and expenses in procuring new diagrams of the secret work of the Order," received the early attention of the Grand Officers. Bro. F. D. STUART, having positively declined all money compensation for his valuable services and time employed in behalf of the Order in the matter of the new diagrams, the M. W. G. Sire deemed the occasion and the circumstances such as to demand on the part of the Grand Officers some special consideration. Accordingly, upon consultation with the undersigned and other prominent members of the Grand Lodge, he directed the amount appropriated to be applied to the payment of a suitable memorial, to be presented to the worthy P. G. Representative in appreciation of his services and of the high opinion entertained for his manly and disinterested course of action. The fund having been found insufficient, private contributions were superadded, and a beautiful gold watch and chain were obtained through the agency of the W. G. Messenger, and presented formally by P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, on behalf of the Grand Sire, to P. G. M. FRED. D. STUART, in the city of Washington, on the 13th day of February, 1868, in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren, their wives and daughters, specially assembled on the occasion, in one of the spacious saloons of that city. The absence of the Grand Sire was wholly unavoidable, and quite unexpected to himself, and, much as it was regretted by all the brethren, it was to no person a greater disappointment than it was to himself, who had originated the idea and taken special pains to have it appropriately carried into effect. On the same occasion the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, presented to P. G. M. STUART a copy of the resolution of thanks unanimously voted at the last session to that distinguished brother, beautifully engrossed upon parchment, and splendidly framed. These proceedings

were imposing and highly interesting, accompanied by addresses on the part of the presentation, and of the recipient, and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The occasion was also signalized by the characteristic courtesies and hospitalities of the brethren of the District of Columbia, and will long be remembered as one of those happy reunions of sympathetic spirits which illustrate so beautifully and practically the principles of Odd-Fellowship.

The eighteenth resolution was complied with.

The nineteenth resolution did not pass in the form in which it is presented in this report, but was referred to a special committee to prepare a report for publication, in the appendix, of the proceedings had at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum upon the occasion of the visitation to that Institute. P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, the chairman of the committee, upon the request of the Corresponding Secretary, kindly transmitted a copy of the addresses made, which will be found in the appendix to the Journal of the last session.

The twentieth and twenty-first resolutions have been carried into effect, by publication in the Baltimore Commercial, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

The proposals received for printing the Revised Journal, under seal, will be handed to the Committee on Printing. The proposals for printing the Daily Journal, the Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer have, by authority of law, opened and considered, and have awarded the contract to Bro. JAMES YOUNG, the lowest bidder.

JOURNAL OF STATE GRAND BODIES RECEIVED.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Grand Bodies have been received as follows:

Grand Lodges.

Connecticut, May, 1868.

Maryland, forty-eighth annual communication, April, 1868.

Missouri, thirtieth annual session, May, 1868.

“ bound volume, 1861 to 1867, vol. 3.

Ohio, annual session of May, 1868.

West Virginia, annual session, April, 1868.

Iowa, twentieth annual session, October, 1867.

Texas, annual communication, February, 1868.

California, sixteenth annual communication, May, 1868.

South Carolina, annual communication, January, 1868.

Virginia, annual communication, April, 1868.

Indiana, thirty-first semi-annual communication, May, 1868.

“ annual communication, November, 1867.

Florida, annual communication, January, 1868.

Delaware, annual communication, July and October, 1867.

Alabama, annual session, February, 1868.

Nebraska, tenth annual communication, October, 1867.

Arkansas, seventeenth annual communication, November, 1867.

Colorado, November 30, 1867, and February, 1868.

Kansas, tenth annual communication, October, 1867.

Massachusetts, semi-annual sessions of February and August, 1867 and 1868.

Nevada, its organization, January, 1867, and first session, January and July, 1867, and session June, 1868.

Canada West, thirteenth annual communication, August, 1867.

New York, annual session, August, 1867.

Maine, twenty-third annual session, August, 1867.

New Jersey, session of 1867, volume 5, November, 1867.

Kentucky, annual session, October, 1867.

New Hampshire, annual session, October, 1867.

Michigan, annual session, January, 1868.

Pennsylvania, May, 1868.

Rhode Island, August, 1868.

Illinois, 1865, 1866, 1867.

Grand Encampments.

Pennsylvania, May, 1868.

Missouri, May, 1868.

Alabama, annual session, February, 1868.

Iowa, annual session, October, 1867.

Maryland, semi-annual of October, 1867, and April, 1868.

Illinois, annual, October, 1867.

Massachusetts, annual, July, 1867, and August, 1868.

Kentucky, annual, February, 1867.

New Jersey, twenty-fifth annual, November, 1867.

Indiana, twenty-first annual, November, 1867.

District of Columbia, semi-annual, January 1867

Michigan, annual, January, 1868.

Ohio, annual, May, 1868.

West Virginia, annual, April, 1868.

Virginia, annual, April, 1868.

Texas, annual, February, 1868.

Connecticut, 1843 to 1866, bound volume.

Thirty Grand Lodges and seventeen Grand Encampments have supplied their Journals of Proceedings to this office during the recess, all of which now form a part of the Grand Lodge Library. It is respectfully recommended that copies of the bound Journals, complete, from the organization of each State Grand Body, be furnished to this office, by all such jurisdictions as have not already supplied them.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

There has also been received at this office, during the recess, the several periodicals devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, published in the general jurisdiction, as a gift to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In this connexion, I beg to remark that the periodical press of the Order has become a decided institution in Odd-Fellowship, and has worked its way upon individual and personal merit alone. So far from the increase in the number of these periodicals operating, as some had feared, to prejudice the mind of the Order against this auxiliary, it has had the opposite effect; it has produced a spirit of laudable competition and rivalry in the editorial management of these works, and hence their decided general improvement. Taken as a whole, our periodical press will compare favorably with the literary press of any other organization in the country, and is beyond doubt not only exercising an influence for good upon the legislation and general administration of the Order, but is also properly vindicating its claim to public consideration, by a forceful exhibit of the merits of Odd-Fellowship and of its work everywhere in behalf of man. I beg very respectfully to suggest that such legislation be had as will place full copies of all these works in the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I acknowledge the regular receipt of the following:

American Odd-Fellow, New Age, Odd-Fellows' Companion, Western Odd-Fellow, Olive Wreath, Memento, Odd-Fellows' Talisman, Mystic Tie. In addition to which I beg to report that the proprietors of the "New Age" have made the handsome presentation to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the first, second, and third volumes, complete, of that valuable work.

To P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Grand Lodge of New York, I am indebted for a hand-



somely bound copy of the detailed proceedings which took place on the occasion of the official reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last annual session in the city of New York.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

I have great pleasure in reporting that the correspondence of the year manifests the decided onward progress of the Order—a general increase, as well in its numerical strength as in its resources and ability, not only to meet all just demands upon its treasury, but a largely accumulating excess for provident investment against all possible future casualties. It is a source of unfeigned gratification to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to bear testimony to the value of the entire corps of State Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes. Their efficiency and regularity in all their official intercourse with this office, and the decidedly increased interest evinced by them in the administration of office, and in the supply of general information as to the condition and progress of the Order, has largely contributed to the common prosperity, and not only served to make important and valuable history, but has also greatly contributed to the harmonious and systematic working of the institution. The present highly gratifying condition of the official relations between the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of State Grand Bodies and this office has been attained after years of earnest effort in that direction, and the great ability manifested by these officers in the performance of their duties justly entitles them to the high appreciation of the Grand Bodies by whom they have been so meritoriously appointed.

There is, perhaps, no auxiliary of the Order which has had a larger success in promoting its welfare than this branch of the service. It has been the ambition of the undersigned, during a long series of years, to stimulate this corps to promptitude and efficiency, and, by a continuous award of merit to such of them as, in their official intercourse with the undersigned, have manifested a due appreciation of the responsibility of their positions, and of the great value of faithful, energetic, and efficient service in that sphere, to superinduce a generous emulation among them. In this regard a success has been attained, the fruits of which have not only been a great benefit to the Order at large, in the acquisition of voluminous statistics and a thorough detail of the progress of the institution, but have also exerted an influence in so shaping the judgment of their respective constituencies as to have brought into and continued in office perhaps the very choicest material to be found in the Order. I have also to congratulate the brotherhood upon the promptitude of all the State Jurisdictions in meeting their liabilities to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The annual report from this Grand Lodge has been received, together with the certificate of election of a Grand Representative. The report shows that three Lodges are at active work, that some forty new members have been acquired during the year, and that the aggregate membership now reaches two hundred and thirty-four. This, although not so gratifying an exhibit as was to be expected, in view of the earnest efforts of Grand Commissioner STUART in that direction, presents an improved condition of the Order over that reported at the last session.

Michigan.—The annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this State were each received from Grand Secretary B. VERNOR, with his accustomed promptitude, on the 14th of August. These documents indicate the highest degree of prosperity in both branches of the Order in Michigan. The increase in Lodges numbers eight, and in membership nearly eight hundred, while the amount of annual receipts exceeds that of the past year in six thousand dollars. The disbursements for relief reached four thousand dollars. The Grand Secretary, in a letter accompanying the

report, remarks "that it is a source of pleasure to him to know that our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, as in the country at large, has, during his term of office, been on the increase constantly, the last year having been the most prosperous one in Michigan." It is a source of regret to the Corresponding Secretary to learn from the same letter that a sense of duty to his private interests will compel this valuable public officer to retire from his position at the end of his present official term. For twelve years I have enjoyed the most gratifying official intercourse with Bro. VERNOR, and the association has been so cordially cherished that I shall part company with him with sincere sorrow.

Massachusetts.—The very gratifying report of Bro. CHAS. D. COLE, the worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Massachusetts, renders remark on my part wholly superfluous. Under date of August 20th, he writes as follows:

"I send you the returns of this jurisdiction, upon an examination of which you will find that we are not behind any of our sister jurisdictions in the good work of Odd-Fellowship.

"The Order in Massachusetts, during the past year, has been very prosperous—even more so than I had anticipated. Over fourteen hundred new members have been initiated, and the Lodges, with the exception of three or four, are all at work. During the past year one new Lodge has been instituted and four old charters have been returned to the brothers, and at the last session charters were granted for two new Lodges.

"The Encampment branch has been even more prosperous than the Subordinate Lodge. There are, at the present time, more Patriarchs in this State than ever before, and at the last session charters were granted for three new Encampments. Their motto is "onward."

New Hampshire.—The efficient Grand Secretary of this State, Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, in transmitting the annual report, supplies the following very gratifying synopsis of the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction. In presenting this report he remarks "that it gives him great pleasure to be able to state that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity with us. Our numbers have increased very fast, and the benefits of the institution appear to be appreciated, being everywhere well spoken of. During the year two Lodges have been revived, and two new Lodges have been instituted, making our number twenty-five. We have made a net gain of four hundred and thirty-four, making our membership three thousand and thirty-four. There is a good degree of activity in most of the Lodges, which is very gratifying and encouraging, the officers and members generally being anxious to do the *work* of the Order as it should be, and are interested in the 'cultivation of the true fraternal relation,' thereby doing good to all men, and especially to the members of our own family. Our hopes for the future are very sanguine, and our prospects for the coming year appear better than the past." The report of the Grand Encampment exhibits a decided improvement in that branch.

Rhode Island.—The esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Rhode Island, Bro. J. F. DRISCOL, writes of the State of the Order in that community, that he is "happy to announce that both branches are now in a very prosperous condition. During the past year the net gain has been greater than any time for the last ten years. A better and more enthusiastic feeling for the good of the Order has been manifest, and we feel confident that the coming year will be a most successful one, and that our numbers may again be like unto former years. We have this day been honored at our session by the presence of the M. W. Grand Sire, J. P. SANDERS, Grand Patriarch BIDWELL, Grand Warden SMITH, Grand High Priest DRIGGS, and Grand Treasurer HARRIS, of Connecticut. The Grand Sire addressed the members of the Order in the evening, which was duly appreciated, and we hope will be the means of reviving the brotherhood to greater energy in our good cause.

Connecticut.—In no part of our jurisdiction is the brotherhood more earnest in the work of Odd-Fellowship than in this State. Although the annual report does not indicate the same increase in members and strength which is shown in younger jurisdictions westward, yet the fires of Odd-Fellowship burn nowhere on its altars more steadily or more purely. Bro. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, the highly esteemed Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, informs me, under date of August 31st, 1868, "that the growth of the Order in Connecticut is not rapid, but substantial. The Lodge meetings are well attended, the brotherhood zealous in the work, and a tone of confidence pervades the whole Order in the State." These few words convey much meaning, the more especially as they proceed from a voice which is always deliberate and full of caution. They assure us that our Order is securely and firmly established in the State, and that its healthful progress is in the ascendant.

New Jersey.—We are greatly indebted to the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of New Jersey, Bro. JNO. O. RAUM, for the following highly interesting account of the operations of the Order in that State during the past year, and of its prospect in the future. Under date of July 30th, 1868, and accompanying the annual report, which he then transmits, he writes that "it must be gratifying to every Odd-Fellow to notice the increased interest that is being developed in our beloved Order each year, and which is manifested by its rapid growth and the importance it has assumed as the greatest Order of the age and country. In its humanitarian feature it has no superior, and in the rapidity of its growth no equal."

"In our State the feeling of augmenting our membership, without regard to the material added, has long since passed away, and none are now admitted to fellowship with us but the good and true—"those who are upright before God and man," and "such, when associated together, naturally seek each other's welfare." Our Order has in this State, during the last year, had an unprecedented increase. It has increased not only numerically, but in the very material that will make good Odd-Fellows.

"Our Order here falls short only one hundred and fifty-two members of doubling itself within the last five years. Since the last annual report eight new Lodges have been instituted, and four old ones, that had ceased to work, have been revived, making an increase of twelve over that of last year, which is greater than any year since 1848, a period of twenty years. Several of these Lodges have been instituted too late to come in this year's report.

"Peace and prosperity reign throughout our borders, and all are working harmoniously, and some of the very best men of our State are seeking to be enrolled in our grand army.

"The Encampment branch of our Order in this State is fully up to the Lodge—in fact, where one prospers the other is sure to. Six new Encampments have been instituted during the year, and our membership has increased during that time from one thousand and eleven to one thousand two hundred and ninety-two, being a net increase of two hundred and eighty-one members, or about an average of eleven to each Encampment in the State. An uncommon lively interest is felt in regard to the building up the Patriarchal branch of our Order, and the members of Subordinate Lodges manifest a great anxiety to obtain their degrees, that they may connect themselves with this most beautiful and impressive branch of our Order. Three years ago we numbered but six hundred and two members; now we number one thousand two hundred and ninety-two members, having more than doubled our membership in the short space of three years."

Pennsylvania.—It will be cheering to the heart of every true Odd-Fellow to witness the onward colossal march of this great commonwealth in our noble confederacy. The annual reports, received as usual from the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the State, Bro. WILLIAM

CURTIS, at a very early period, show the following highly prosperous status of Odd-Fellowship:

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| Membership..... | 66,247 |
| Lodges..... | 526 |
| Initiated during the year..... | 10,360 |
| Brothers relieved..... | 7,000 |
| Widows relieved..... | 900 |
| Paid for relief of brothers..... | \$154,692 00 |
| " widowed families..... | 15,876 00 |
| Burying the dead..... | 35,547 00 |
| Total receipts..... | 523,290 26 |
| Total relief..... | 196,115 92 |

The Patriarchal branch indicates a corresponding degree of prosperity, the report showing the existence of one hundred and thirty-three Encampments, at active work, with an aggregate membership of ten thousand, annual receipt of \$71,313.80, and an expenditure for relief of \$26,438.01, making the aggregate relief supplied during the year which has just closed of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. Comment on this exhibit would be superfluous and supererogatory. The figures and facts are fragrant with benevolence, and speak a voice eloquent and pure in behalf of the great work of humanity, in which the brotherhood of that Empire State have so nobly and so successfully toiled. Well may the worthy Grand Secretary exclaim, as he does in the letter accompanying the reports, "that the returns from the State will speak for themselves." "We have added," he continues, "over seven thousand to our membership, and the increase still goes on; indeed, I think, the day is not far distant when every man who professes the proper qualification will seek admission at our portals."

New York.—The very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of New York, Bro. CHAS. V. CLARKE, in transmitting the annual reports, writes, under date of August 20, as follows:

"Enclosed you will receive annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of New York. They will reach you at a later date than I desired, chiefly because of the effort that has been made to procure reports full and accurate. I trust that for this delay our jurisdiction may not be prejudiced.

"We have this evening closed the annual sessions of our respective Grand Bodies, held in the city of Buffalo. The proceedings have been highly interesting, developing a condition of prosperity most satisfactory to all. It is true the net increase is not so large as in some of our sister jurisdictions, yet we feel assured that it presages a new life, marked with greater zeal and activity than have characterized this portion of your general jurisdiction for years past."

The reports exhibit a considerable increase in membership and in resources during the year, and in the amount applied for relief.

District of Columbia.—Bro. P. HALL SWEET, the very estimable Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, advises me, on the 3d of August, in transmitting his report, that it "affords him great pleasure to state that the Order in this jurisdiction is in the highest degree prosperous, and promises, for the time to come, increasing usefulness. May our beloved institution," he exclaims, "ever throw a halo of brightness upon the pages of history, the sound of whose praise shall 'go rumbling down the shores of time until lost in the vast ocean of eternity.'"

The worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. C. B. R. COLLEDGE, adds that "our success in the Patriarchal branch has been greater this year than that of last. There are many weary pilgrims seeking admission to the bosom of our Patriarchal family longing to hear the cheerful music of the Patriarchs."

Virginia.—The worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. W.M. J. RIDDICK, under date of August 15th, 1868, writes, in language impressive and eloquent, of the career of the Order, and of the good influence which the kindred sympathy in the North and West, in behalf of the Southern brotherhood, has produced. I feel assured that such words will inspire as large, if not larger, joy and pleasure in the hearts of the donors than has been awakened in the hearts of the recipients. He remarks as follows:

"I enclose you the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. While I cannot give you such a report as I should like, still I am gratified to believe that the result of the year's operations in this jurisdiction gives assurances that we have reached our lowest stage of depression.

"The report of the last year exhibited a diminution instead of an increase of numbers, and the number expelled and suspended for non-payment of dues was alarming. The report I now enclose you shows a decrease of over fifty per cent. in expulsions and suspensions, and an increase in the number of initiations and admissions by card, which is encouraging, and the general result shows that we have reached a turning point, which I hope is the harbinger of prosperity in the future.

"The fund which the liberality of our Northern and Western brethren bestowed upon us will contribute largely to this result. The fruit of it can not be seen in this report, because there has not been time for it to be yet developed. Our active and efficient Grand Master is now on a tour, in which he intends to visit the weak and languishing Lodges, and the location of every defunct Lodge, and to use this fund in strengthening those 'ready to perish,' and to resuscitate those now dormant and extinct, and thus to build up our 'waste places.'

"Our jurisdiction gratefully recognizes the fraternal sympathy which prompted the donors of this fund, and regard it as a pledge of devotion to the interest of the Order which it is believed will not only enable us to achieve success, but which will enure even more to the unity of the whole brotherhood in the 'bond of peace' than to its material prosperity."

Bro. RIDDICK expresses like sentiments in relation to the Patriarchal branch.

West Virginia.—Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, the venerable Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction—than whom Odd-Fellowship has no more zealous and untiring votary—in transmitting the annual report, writes, under date of 3d of August, the following cheering words:

"I have much pleasure in referring you to my report as indicating 'our onward progress.' I esteem it a great privilege to belong to such a noble band of brothers, engaged in the elevation of the human race."

To which Brother USHMAN, the worthy Grand Scribe, adds, that the report of the Patriarchal branch "will exhibit a larger gain this year than ever before in this jurisdiction. We are greatly encouraged to believe that it will still continue to increase. The Patriarchal branch of the Order throughout the State is perfectly harmonious. No conflict or confusion disturbs the peaceful and beautiful operations of our little jurisdiction, which delights to pursue the high objects of benevolence and philanthropy in our peculiar but efficient mode."

North Carolina.—I have great pleasure in reporting that in this State—perhaps the greatest comparative sufferer in our Order by the devastations of civil war—life is again apparent among the brotherhood. The annual report indicates this state of facts, showing, as it does, an increase in strength and resources over that of 1867 highly encouraging and cheering. Grand Secretary J. W. GULICK accompanies his report with the following gratifying remarks:

"The Order in this jurisdiction is reviving but slowly. No one can form a correct idea of our condition, as a people and as a Lodge, without a personal visit and inspection. Still I am glad to say that the Order in North Carolina is not yet in a desperate condition. We keep zealously at work,

and have made a little progress this year. We have twenty-two Lodges at work, and our increase for the year just ended is about seventy-two members. There has been more zeal manifested this year than heretofore, and nothing but our poverty and the disturbed condition of the country keeps us down."

South Carolina.—The R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State, Bro. J. H. HONOUR, the worthy descendant of an illustrious pioneer of the Order in that jurisdiction, under date of August 4th, transmits the annual reports, accompanying which he writes as follows:

"I earnestly regret that the sanguine expectations indulged in by me when I made my last report have not been fully realized. The same causes exist to prevent our onward progress. The unsettled financial condition of our State prevents many from connecting themselves with our Order, while at the same time numbers are obliged to forfeit their membership from inability to liquidate past dues and meet existing obligations. Our numbers have been so reduced by suspensions and other causes that we are entitled to but one Representative at the ensuing session from this Grand Lodge, and our esteemed and long tried Brother THAYER will have to assume the duties of two, which we have heretofore been allowed to send. The Lodges from whom reports have been received are in active operation, and we are still permitted to hope for better days. We appropriate to ourselves the motto of our beloved State, 'Dum spiro, spero,' and with this incentive, go forward, trusting in 'Immanuel, God with us.'

"The Encampment branch remains about the same as at the last report. Our Grand Patriarch, S. W. HOLWELL, is an active, zealous, and faithful officer, and if it remained with him the Order would be more prosperous than ever."

Georgia.—From this jurisdiction I have no further information than that which is supplied by the annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, both of which were duly received on the 17th of August last. These reports compare favorably with those of the last year, showing an increase of Lodges, initiations, and membership, enlarged revenues, and increased appropriations for relief. The Encampment branch has had a corresponding success.

Florida.—The report from this jurisdiction was received on the 29th of August, 1868. I am without further advice from the State. Five Lodges are reported as at prosperous work, and the operations during the year, in receipts, disbursements for relief, and initiations, evince activity and energy in the administration.

Mississippi.—Bro. JNO. B. DICKS, the very attentive and energetic Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advises me, under date of 21st of August, as follows:

"I am truly sorry that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is unable to pay in full at once. The one thousand dollars received from the Southern relief fund is to be used only for the resuscitation of the dormant Lodges. It is true, a part of the debt now due the Grand Lodge of the United States was created for that object, and a few of the Lodges have had this benefit in advance; still the Grand Lodge voted against a proposition to use four hundred dollars of the relief fund to assist in paying off the debt for supplies. I regret that our annual report does not exhibit any decided improvement in the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction for the past year. Although two new Lodges have been instituted and four of the dormant ones revived, there has been a loss of ninety-five in membership, compared with the year ending June 30th, 1867. This decrease may be attributed to the fact of an unusual large number of suspensions in the past twelve months for non-payment of dues. A strict observance of existing laws has proved a hardship to many members who still retain their zeal for the good of Odd-Fellowship, but have not the ability, apart from the support of their families, to pay their dues promptly to their Subordinate Lodges. I live in hope

that another year will not pass away without a return to some degree of prosperity for our people and for the Order in this jurisdiction. The late annual sessions of our Grand Bodies were as well attended as could reasonably have been expected. The Lodges now at work (thirty-seven in number) all reported except four, and some thirty were represented. The Representatives and Past Grands present in the Grand Lodge were between forty and fifty. The session was harmonious, and I have reason to believe productive of much good to the future of Odd-Fellowship in Mississippi. In the Encampment branch of the Order but little progress has been made. One new Encampment instituted since my last annual report as Grand Scribe. This branch of the Order received six hundred dollars from the Southern relief fund, which will be applied to assist the reorganization of the dormant Encampments. It will require a much larger sum to put the dormant Camps (fifteen in number) in successful working condition. Past Grand Patriarch R. B. MAYES has been again chosen as M. W. Grand Patriarch for the ensuing year. Bro. MAYES is indefatigable in his continued labors for the good of the Order within our jurisdiction. His antecedents, as an executive officer in the Patriarchal branch, give assurance that the dormant Encampments will feel the benefits of his position.

Louisiana.—From this jurisdiction, distinguished during a long series of years for its great devotion to the Order, and honored and appreciated for the ability and zeal of its membership, we have cheering reports of prosperity and success. The annual reports, received in due season, indicate a continued activity and diligence in the administration of the Order and corresponding fruits. The Grand Lodge now numbers thirty-one active and healthful Subordinates, with an aggregate membership of nearly two thousand. The Encampment branch comprehends five Subordinates, all in good condition. Accompanying the annual reports, the following proceeding is transmitted:

"At an adjourned semi-annual communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., State of Louisiana, held on the 5th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were adopted. I herewith annex a copy.

"Yours, very respectfully,
"JOSIAH FOLGER, *Grand Secretary.*

"Whereas the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, having kindly donated the sum of eleven hundred dollars, (\$1100,) for distribution among such Lodges and Encampments in this jurisdiction as might be suffering and in need of assistance, in consequence of the effects of the late war; and whereas the assistance thus thoughtfully and timely rendered has been of incalculable benefit to the recipients thereof; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby gratefully tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for its very liberal and acceptable donation.

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, duly authenticated, be forwarded to the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States."

The reports indicate a high degree of prosperity in both branches of the Order in Louisiana.

Maryland.—The very able Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Bro. J. B. ESCAVAILLE, accompanies his report with the following very gratifying statement of the condition of the Order in the State:

"The high degree of prosperity which Odd-Fellowship has reached in all its departments is a just source of pride to the brotherhood; and the success which has crowned their labors has had the happy effect of stimulating them for still greater distinction and usefulness. The report shows a solid column of thirteen thousand—moving on with a firm and undeviating tread upon the path which leads to victory over 'vice in all its forms.' Its trophies for the past year will be seen in its disbursements during that period,

for relief, of over sixty thousand dollars. The strength of the State is small, comparatively, with some of the larger jurisdictions, but in no quarter is the work and practical business of Odd-Fellowship enacted with greater fidelity."

The report of the worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. JONES, exhibits a corresponding state of prosperity in the Patriarchal branch.

Delaware.—This little State—territorially—is among the most vigorous and progressive jurisdictions in the Order—ever advancing in strength and value, and ever sedulous and vigilant in its demonstrations of Odd-Fellowship. The attentive and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. EDWARD MCINTIRE, writes, under date of August 20th, as follows:

"I have the pleasure to report the Order in this jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. Our increase in membership during the past year has been small, but, considering the extent of territory we have for operation, and being one of the least in population under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, we have done as well as could be expected. There are now thirty Lodges in this State, all working harmoniously, and financially able and willing to assist the sick or distressed Odd-Fellow, widows, and orphans, promptly, whenever assistance is needed."

Missouri.—Odd-Fellowship in Missouri is still onward in its great progress, and the reports are cheering to the heart of the whole brotherhood. I regret to part company with P. G. M. CHARLES ARCHER, late Grand Secretary, who has resigned that important office. During his official career of several years, I had occasion, in my former reports, to commend him as among the most valuable and efficient officers in the Order. I trust his successor, Bro. E. SLOAN, will prove equally zealous and efficient, and that our official relations may be as pleasant and agreeable as that which characterized that of his predecessor. Bro. SLOAN remarks that "by reference to the report you will see we have increased in net membership nearly twenty-five per cent., with twenty-four additional Lodges at work, and a corresponding increase in assets, amount paid for relief, &c. While I cannot hope to bring to the discharge of the duties growing out of my position the same eminent ability of my efficient predecessor, yet I shall hope to be more prompt in future." There are now one hundred and thirty-seven Lodges at work in the State, with a membership of over six thousand, whilst the annual receipts reached nearly sixty thousand dollars, and the amount of relief afforded was nearly twenty thousand.

The report of the Grand Encampment has also been received, which indicates a corresponding prosperity.

Alabama.—The condition of the Order in Alabama is better described in the language of the worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. STUART W. CAYCE, and of the Grand Scribe, Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, than in any words which I could employ for the purpose. Accordingly, I annex the following extracts from letters from each of these Grand Officers. Bro. CAYCE writes; under date of August 10th, as follows:

"Six weeks having passed since the terms of the subordinates closed, and only some three-fourths of them reporting, and despairing of any more coming in time for your report, I this day close up the statement and mail it to you. On its face it shows a decrease of five members, while in point of fact the Order has *increased* at least seventy-five, and possibly more. This arises from the want of reports from seven of the subordinates—many of them reporting at the January term last past—which reports I could not take into the account, as the instructions were to report the *totals* of delinquent Lodges same as last year, that being the only *head* that I used for them at all—that is, the 'total membership' head. This result, a slight increase, or even 'holding our own,' Bro. RIDGELY, in my opinion, is better than most benevolent associations here in the South have done in the last twelve months—the very unsettled nature of the government under which unhappily we live being the cause of the great drag upon them. Of course when

a man's income—means would express the idea better—begins to narrow, where does he apply the pruning knife of reduction? To the benevolent limb, of course—shortens it sure. And that is what is the matter with the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in Alabama. Business of every description has, in a greater or less degree, felt the blight of this depression, and our Order is the first to show the effects; for a merchant who can pay his debts from the year's business—who has, so to speak, made 'both ends meet' during that time, is a *rara avis* with us."

To which the Grand Scribe adds the following:

"Along with this you will receive the annual report of the Patriarchal Order in this jurisdiction, which shows only a small gain, though I think it would have been a little better had all the subordinates reported. The financial condition of the country is such that we are thankful to hold our own."

Illinois.—Grand Secretary WILLARD, whose energy and great efficiency is characteristic—not only as an Odd-Fellow, but as a man—writes, under date of August 4th, the following terse, yet full and comprehensive report of Odd-Fellowship in this State:

"I have the honor to transmit to you the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. I again have the pleasure of announcing a prosperous year, with an increase amounting to eighteen per cent. upon our membership of last year. I believe our growth to be healthy. The members have not forgotten to guard the outer door, as the rejections—eight per cent. of all applications—surely show. During the year we have established twenty-nine new Lodges and revived several old ones, losing but one by defunction. We look joyfully forward to our jubilee."

Two hundred and eighty-six Lodges, aggregating fifteen thousand members, form the line of work in Illinois. Well and faithfully has that work been done, as the amount applied for total relief adequately portrays.

Bro. N. C. NASON, the equally able Grand Scribe, remarks, in forwarding his report, as follows:

"At the time of making my last annual report, I hardly dared hope that the coming year would show as large an increase in Encampments and membership as the one then just closed. Though the rapid growth we had been making was evidently healthful, and I had no fear of a falling off in membership or a diminution in interest in the Encampments then at work, I could not see, in surveying the field, where there were desirable locations for the institution of many new ones at an early day. But petitions continued to come in, and now I have the satisfaction of reporting the organization of ten new Encampments, all of which are in a thriving condition, besides the resuscitation of two which it was feared were defunct beyond hope of revival, with a net gain in membership of six hundred and two. Not the least gratifying item in the year's operations is the fact that each of these revived Encampments has become the parent of one of the new ones. Since the 30th of June four warrants have been issued, and I know of several more petitions that will be in soon. There is now every reason to believe that the present year will show an increase even larger than the last."

Indiana.—Odd-Fellowship in Indiana has achieved a distinction which challenges the admiration of every heart in which the genuine spirit of philanthropy and benevolence finds a lodgement. It has become, by the untiring energy and devotion of its zealous laborers, an institution whose power for good is felt and acknowledged in every quarter of that great State. It has been my privilege often heretofore to commend its noble example to the brotherhood at large, and to speak of it as not only an honor to the Order, but to the cause of humanity and the highest order of civilization everywhere. Again I have the pleasure to report that its march is still onward, diffusing its blessings to every considerable town and village throughout the jurisdiction.

To Bro. E. H. BARRY, the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the State, who has earned and justly merited the highest encomiums of

the brotherhood by his untiring labors, I am indebted for a detail of the work and condition of the Order in Indiana, which I annex in his own graphic language. Under date of August 5th, 1868, he writes as follows:

"You will see from our reports that there is no abatement, rather an increase of the prosperity with which this jurisdiction has so long been favored. Our Lodges are multiplying; our membership increasing; our treasures enlarging; our appropriations for the relief of the distressed, burying the dead, and educating the orphan, greatly extended. We regard these as the evidences of the effects of our principles, which we make paramount, and as incentives to duty. We believe and teach that it is our principles which are to subdue the world. We are assiduous, therefore, in the propagation and inculcation of them. Our mission requires work, vigilance, and, if we would make Odd-Fellowship a living and enduring institution, there can be no resting place for its members. We must constantly press forward and secure for it some new achievement in the cause of man. The cause is worthy of the effort, and in this jurisdiction our brethren, more than ever, are imbued with the spirit of our principles, and are advancing our Order as rapidly as the stirring spirit of the age moves forward the world, convinced that nothing better than Odd-Fellowship, properly carried into practice, can demonstrate the possibility of a universal fraternity in the family of man."

Ohio.—This great jurisdiction in our Union keeps steady pace with her sister jurisdictions of the great West. Odd-Fellowship covers the entire length and breadth of its territory, and its march is ever progressive. In numerical strength and resources, it ranks pre-eminently, holding position in the first tier of States, and the prospect is cheering for such early future acquisitions as to rival the strongest and most prosperous of our jurisdictions.

The ever attentive and able Grand Secretary, Bro. W. C. EARL, remarks, in transmitting his report, as follows:

"In transmitting this—my *ninth*—annual report, it affords me great pleasure to say that never was the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Ohio so good; never did it stand upon so firm a basis, and never did it so thoroughly command respect for its quiet but all-important ministrations as it does to-day. Like an angel of mercy it moves amongst the people, unostentatiously, shedding its bounties, and extending its relief on the right hand and on the left, whilst the prayers of widows and orphans go up with fervor for blessings on its head."

In another communication Grand Secretary EARL gives expression to an opinion, in which I cordially concur, and which I here submit, with the recommendation, that in future the return of the names of expelled members be dispensed with.

"I have searched," he writes, "in vain for a good reason for requiring the names of expelled brothers to be reported. It only encumbers the minutes, and does no good. The publication of the names of expelled members in the printed proceedings of the State Grand Bodies is sufficient, it would seem, if any advantage is deemed to be gained by such publication."

The prosperity of the Patriarchal branch is entirely correspondent with that of the Grand Lodge, and the organization of Encampments of Patriarchs follows rapidly the advance of the Subordinate work in every section of the State, in relation to which the very distinguished Grand Scribe, Bro. WM. H. HUBBELL, writes as follows:

"At our last session eleven new charters were granted, all of which will be in operation by the 10th of August. We are moving on our onward march with accelerated speed, gathering force and character as we proceed, and the best of feeling prevails throughout the jurisdiction."

Kentucky.—This State occupies a decidedly distinguished status in Odd-Fellowship, and, by its recent gallant legislation, is making a bold and, I trust, successful effort to attain a success which will give her pre-eminence in the judgment of one who has been looking for this advent in Odd-Fellowship patiently, hopefully, confidentially, for more than twenty years,

assured in his own mind that its high mission will remain unfulfilled until her philanthropic labors shall give birth to her own schools, her own asylums, and the exclusive care of her many waifs that float upon the sea of life. May God speed the culmination of her great hope, and may her noble pioneers in the great work weary not until this Keystone shall fill its appropriate place in the arch of the sacred temple!

Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe Wm. WHITE, among the most highly cherished correspondents of this office, writes, under date of August 21st, as follows:

"Enclosed you will find the annual returns of the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Kentucky, which I hope will reach you in good season, and, notwithstanding a number of Lodges and Encampments have failed to make their returns in time for these reports, a very gratifying increase is exhibited both in membership and revenue, from the returns received, and vigorous health and general prosperity is plainly marked in each branch. The ardor and zeal apparent in former reports have not been in the least dampened or abated, but continues to burn with increased warmth and brilliancy.

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| The admissions to membership in Subordinate Lodges..... | 1057 |
| The dismissions from ditto..... | 639 |
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| Giving a net increase or gain of..... | 418 |
| The admissions in Subordinate Encampments..... | 217 |
| The dismissions from ditto..... | 118 |
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| Giving an increase or gain in this branch of..... | 99 |

"The annual receipts or revenue for the Lodges is \$55,930.08, which is an increase over the revenue of last year of \$3,418.86. Eighteen thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents have been expended for relief by Subordinate Lodges, and two thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-one cents by the Encampments, showing that the warm heart of Odd-Fellowship has throbbed for other's woes, and beat in tender sympathy for the distressed.

"Seven new Lodges and two new Encampments have been added to the number of the Subordinates, and, judging from their location and the spirit of the noble hearts that govern and control them, I feel assured they will prove to be bright lights in the firmament of Odd-Fellowship, and active, living members of our fraternal family.

"The widows' and orphans' home and college enterprise is still in progress, and the success which has attended the labors of those appointed to solicit and receive subscriptions to found and endow this great and noble philanthropy, which is to be the pride and glory of the Order, is both gratifying and encouraging, and gives promise, at an early day, of the completion of the subscriptions and the raising of the amount desired to secure the blessings of so great an institution. May God continue to bless the enterprise and the noble heart that conceived and suggested it!"

Tennessee.—The usual highly satisfactory report from Tennessee is forwarded by the prompt Grand Secretary, Bro. R. H. BARRY. Under date of August, 1868, he remarks as follows:

"As the time is fast approaching when you will make your annual report to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and believing that it will add to the interest of our Order that you should be informed as to the condition of the different Grand Lodges and Encampments, I have concluded to address you this short communication, showing the workings of the Order in Tennessee, so far as the reports that have been received will enable me. I regret that the Lodges have not been more prompt in reporting, so that I might be

able to make a more complete statement of our condition; but as it is, you will be compelled to acknowledge that we have done, indeed, nobly.

"The number of Lodges at work, by our last report, was only sixty-six, with a membership of two thousand six hundred and thirty-five, while we now report eighty-three Lodges at work and in a prosperous condition, and a membership of three thousand three hundred and twenty-nine—a gain of seventeen Lodges and six hundred and ninety-four members, and even this number would be increased if all the returns were in.

"The Lodges in this State have been greatly embarrassed by reason of having no suitable places in which to hold their meetings, as they have been unable to rebuild since the war. But I am happy to inform you that some have completed new lodge rooms, and others have houses in process of erection, in connection with which are commodious school rooms.

"The Encampment branch of the Order has enjoyed a year of prosperity hitherto unknown in this jurisdiction, and which is mainly attributable to the zeal and energy of our M. W. Grand Patriarch, CHARLES B. HALL, who has never ceased to impress upon his deputies the importance of this branch of the Order and the necessity for prompt and complete returns from their several districts, and, whenever possible, has attended in person to give the necessary instructions, to see the laws obeyed, and that the work was done in the proper manner. My last report showed only fourteen Encampments at work, while now we have twenty-three, with a membership of eight hundred and ninety-five, four new ones having been instituted and five old ones reorganized, leaving only four to be put to work so that we can present an unbroken line, which I think will be the case in a short time."

California and Australia.—We have much reason to be proud of the great success of our Order in California, in number, in resources, and in active working administration, yet we have more and greater reason to be proud of the mind, the genius, and the enterprise which characterize the rapid progress of Odd-Fellowship in that State. Odd-Fellowship is so cherished by the brotherhood that it is carried with them with the same veneration and piety which animated the ancients for their tutelary gods wherever they go, and into every enterprise for good into which they embark. Of her libraries, of her cemeteries, of her schools you have heard me report the most marvellous and glowing accounts: of her liberality and generous charities in all the contribution lists of the last few years, which the Grand Lodge of the United States has invoked, you have witnessed that she has nobly led the way: but her culminating glory has at length been reached in the attainment of a purpose long cherished by a few of her distinguished sons. The very eminent Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction, Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, sought and obtained the power to transplant the Order to Australia under American auspices. Several years ago, by authority of the Grand Sire, a commission was issued in blank, leaving to him the large discretion to avail of the man and the season. Years elapsed ere that acute observer availed himself of his power in the premises. At length the right man loomed up in the right place and appropriate season, and Bro. JOHNSON handed the commission to Bro. A. D. MEACHAM of that jurisdiction, whom he well knew, and whose entire energy and devotion to the Order challenged his confidence. He was supplied by Bro. JOHNSON, out of the abundant stock on hand in his office, with the entire work, with every book, paper, chart, tract or document known to us as having any value in the Order. Bro. MEACHAM sailed, cheered by his brethren of San Francisco, and I might almost say that you have heard the welkin ring with joy, as the voice of his marvellous triumph in his great mission has come booming back across the ocean. The achievement has been the work of genius, diplomacy, and great administrative skill and ability, and challenges the admiration of men. The transfer of an entire community as it were by one mind, from a fixed

position, to one of an opposite character, was a work of wonder. But such a transfer, made of a community educated and trained in a school of social life so far different from that recognized by our Order, is indeed the work of uncommon skill. I need not elaborate upon this great success which we owe to California, to Grand Secretary JOHNSON, and to the special commissioner, A. D. MEACHAM. The statistics of the strength of the Order in Australia will be presented by the Grand Sire in his report, who has received voluminous communications from Bro. MEACHAM, which will go to a committee, with a view to a proper expression of the high sense of obligation which we feel in the premises. Meanwhile I have to regret that whilst we have received the special commissioner's communications with regularity, no return whatever has reached him from us. We have sent large amounts of supplies of every kind. I have ordered regalia, and Lodge and Camp furniture at Commissioner MEACHAM's instance, for which he has supplied coin, and have also forwarded a splendidly engrossed charter on parchment constituting the Grand Lodge of Australia an independent jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship. We have only to express the hope that in the end these may reach their destination in safety.

Since writing the foregoing, I am in receipt of a very interesting letter from Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON, which I present herewith, as exhibiting the true condition of the Order in that great jurisdiction. The voluminous papers transmitted from Australia have for the most part been anticipated by direct communication from the special deputy, Bro. MEACHAM. These very important documents, together with all the correspondence had in connection with the organization of the Order in Australia, are herewith submitted, with a recommendation that they be referred to an appropriate committee, with a view of having them fully examined, and such parts of them published in the appendix to the Journal as will serve to spread before the Order full information upon this highly important acquisition. Bro. JOHNSON writes as follows:

"I send you returns from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, also the correspondence and papers that have been received from special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM, relating to the establishment of the Order in Australia, a greater portion of which has been forwarded to and published in the *New Age*. I send you files of said paper per mail. I would also call your attention to the action had in the Grand Lodge of California relating thereto. (See pages 419, 426, 464 and 505, printed Journal, a copy of which I forward.) It is perhaps unnecessary to trouble you with this bulk of matter, as you no doubt have been placed ere this in possession of all the papers direct from Bro. MEACHAM. I am in receipt of a communication from special Deputy Grand Sire E. J. COOK, informing me of the successful organization of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, located at Prescott, Arizona, accompanied by cards of petitioners and his report to the M.W. Grand Sire, which you will please find enclosed. He has omitted to return the petition for the Lodge. I have written him on the subject, and will, on its receipt, forward the same to you. You will perceive from our report that we are on the increase since our last report, having added to our list of Lodges eight, and in members fifteen hundred and thirty-nine. Our finances also look encouraging, being an increase of investments over last year of one hundred and sixty-six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars and forty-six cents; the total amount of assessments as reported June 30, 1868, from one hundred and thirty-five Lodges, being five hundred and forty two thousand three hundred and eleven dollars and nine cents.

"We feel safe in asserting that at no time in the history of the Order in California has the Order been in so flourishing a state. Two Lodges and one Encampment that had previously surrendered charters have been reorganized and are now in good, healthy working order. We have also issued dispensations for two new Lodges that will be organized ere this reaches you."

Iowa.—Bro. WM. GARRETT, the very highly valued Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, furnishes the following very gratifying report for the State:

"I have to send reports with six Camps and eight Lodges only—one report returned December 31, 1867. I have written to all several times, but cannot get them as yet; you will see, however, that we make a fair showing, a gain of thirteen Lodges and eight hundred and sixty members, and three Camps and two hundred and four patriarchs. We have issued dispensations for two new Lodges since first of July, and I am in correspondence in relation to two others. I believe we will number seven thousand five hundred members of Lodges, and one thousand two hundred and fifty of Camps next report."

Wisconsin.—From the worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Bro. L. B. HILLS, who transmits the annual report under date of the 15th August, I learn "that the Order in both branches is still on the aggressive march in Wisconsin. The anticipations indulged in my report of last year have been fully realized. With thirty additional Lodges and seven new Encampments, we are enjoying an unparalleled degree of prosperity. All the old Lodges, with one or two exceptions, partake of a common enthusiasm, and give additional evidence of their steady adherence and devotion to the best interests of the Order."

Oregon.—From this distant jurisdiction there comes a voice of gratulation, which will find a ready and cordial echo in the heart of every true Odd-Fellow. In the language of the ever faithful and energetic Grand Secretary, Bro. CHESTER H. TERRY, I give the detail. "You will see from our annual report," he remarks, "that we are still moving forward in the good cause. Lodges continue to multiply; planted as they are in good soil, the harvest is abundant and most excellent. I am happy to state that the ardor and zeal of the brotherhood is continuous and unrelaxed, knowing no diminution. Our motto is 'onward.' 'Progress' is written upon our unfurled banner, which we fling to the breeze, that its broad fold and noble principles may continue their benign influence to all who may take shelter within its noble mansion, there continue to live as monuments of our beloved Order, ever looking to the Grand Master above for wisdom and guidance in all our works, that they may be done acceptably to Him who rules in all things well."

Nebraska.—The worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. JOHN EVANS, in transmitting his report from this jurisdiction for the year ending June 30, 1668, favors me with the following interesting account of Odd-Fellowship in the State of Nebraska:

"I am proud to remark that the past has been a year of success in this jurisdiction. Our Order has become one of the 'fixed' institutions of, and is identified with the progress of this young and promising State, and is keeping pace within its rapid march to greatness. Our increase has been very healthful, and drawn from among the most industrious and enterprising citizens of the State. Our membership seem fully imbued with the principles inculcated, and are faithful to the duties enjoined, and labor to make them the shining characteristics of our Order. One new Lodge, No. 11, has recently been chartered, is located at Lincoln, the capital of the State, and has embarked in the good work under very favorable auspices."

Nevada.—The annual report from this jurisdiction was at hand at an early date, showing the promptitude and efficiency of the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. HALL, accompanying which he writes under date of August 8th, that "the friends of the Order have every reason to feel satisfied with the work in this young jurisdiction for the past year. While a proper degree of caution has withheld encouragement to the desire for new Lodges until the several mining villages that have sprung into existence shall have proved their permanence by the character of their mineral deposits, the increase

in the Lodges already established has been satisfactory; and the ratio of rejections show due caution in the fraternity, and has resulted in an increased respect for the Order in the community at large. Odd-Fellowship with us goes far toward filling the void created by the absence of the family circle and its genial influences, and many good but inconsiderate young men have been reclaimed from the paths of vice. In this State our Order already numbers thirteen Lodges, with an aggregate membership of one thousand. The amount paid for relief during the past year reached over six thousand dollars, which a tale unfolds of the fidelity of the brethren to the great mission upon which they have entered, and of the value of the Order wherever organized, especially in newly settled communities."

Ontario.—From Bro. J. B. KING, the very intelligent and prompt Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, which comprises the territory formerly designated as Canada West, I have the most gratifying report of the prosperous condition of the Order in both branches in that dominion. Under date of August 15th, he writes as follows:

"I enclose you herewith the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The fourteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was held in the town of Ingersoll, on the 5th and 6th August, instant, at which there was a full representation. The session was more largely attended (Past Grands included) than any former session of this Grand Lodge. The report of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAFFEE, showed that the whole Order here is alive to the importance of the cause they have espoused, and that for this year the several District Deputy Grand Masters have realized the importance of the trust they had accepted, as each had reported to him glowing accounts of the Lodges in his jurisdiction. Our increase during the past year is rather over thirty-three and a third per cent., and shows us to have a membership in good standing sufficient to send two representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I predict that before the next session of that Grand Body we will be in a position to send three representatives, that will be one for a 'Grand Encampment.'

"I have an application for a new Lodge now before me, which will at once be submitted to the Grand Master. I hope that the session of the 'Supreme Lodge' about to be held will enjoy the harmony that has characterized its predecessors, and that much wise legislation will be the result."

Vermont.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Vermont is gratifying in the fact that, although it does not show much increase of strength in the Order in the State, it manifests a resolution and determination on the part of the brotherhood, not only that it shall live, but that it shall overcome its trials and again attain to its former prosperity. Five Lodges are at work, three of them feeble, it is true, as to members and resources, yet two of them will compare favorably with many other Lodges throughout the general jurisdiction. Green Mountain Lodge, at Burlington, numbers one hundred and thirty members, and Wantastiquet, at Brattleboro, seventy-nine members. By advice from G. Rep. T. G. BURTON, under date of September 3d, I learn "that a new Lodge was to be organized at Rutland, and that the prospect for the future was cheering."

During the recess Oasis Encampment, No. 5, located at Brattleboro, has been instituted, which was opened by the M. W. Grand Sire in person. Green Mountain Encampment has made its regular reports. I am indebted to D. D. Grand Sire SEWELL MORSE for his returns and general correspondence.

Texas.—The annual report shows decided progress in reconstruction. Fifty-three Lodges are reported as now at work, while but twenty-seven were returned at the last session. This exhibit shows a highly gratifying condition of Odd-Fellowship, especially when it is remembered that the

Order in this State has been subjected to the severest trials, the past year having been one, to use the language of Grand Master RICHARDSON, "of heavy affliction, in consequence of the visitation of an epidemic more fatal and more extensive in its ravages than any heretofore known, several of the Lodges in Galveston having been more than decimated by the terrible scourge; and the sickness being so general that there were scarcely enough well members to attend upon the sick, and perform the last sad rites of the Order to the dead. In the midst of this epidemic the city was visited by a destructive storm, causing a loss of property to the amount of nearly half a million, and utterly destroying the new hall, which had just been completed."

Maine.—The annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this State indicate a growing prosperity. One new Lodge has been instituted, and over three hundred have been added to the membership during the year, to which result every Lodge in the jurisdiction has contributed. The worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. E. P. BANKS, under date of September 3d, 1868, advises me that—

"It becomes his pleasant duty to report the continued prosperity of the Encampment branch of the Order in Maine. We have made a handsome net gain since last year, and more than doubled our numbers since 1866. One new Encampment has been established during the year under flattering prospects, and the revival of a defunct one is expected within a short period of time. We have every reason for congratulation that we have, on a limited scale, shared in the general prosperity of the Order throughout the country."

Arkansas.—Bro. THOMAS R. WELCH, the very efficient Grand Secretary of this State, advises me, under date of August 10th, in transmitting his report, in the following gratifying language, of the state of the Order in Arkansas:

"I am glad to report our Order in so good a condition as it is at present. We have increased more in the last year than in any previous year. Our numbers are nearly double what they were last year. We have an increase of six Lodges—three new ones and three old ones revived. Our members are more active and more devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship than ever before. I think there is a brighter future for our Order if we can only have peace and good crops.

"The growth of the Order is now steady and healthful. The report of Walker Encampment, No. 5, of this jurisdiction, has been received."

Minnesota.—I am in receipt of the annual report of the Grand Lodge of this State, accompanying which Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, the worthy Grand Secretary, writes as follows:

"I send you my annual report. Circumstances entirely beyond my control have prevented me from transmitting the same at an earlier day—namely, the non-receipt of returns until the 27th instant from the largest Lodge in this jurisdiction, and without which I did not wish to make up my report. Our Order continues to prosper in this jurisdiction, and from present indications I feel confident that we shall have a sufficient membership to entitle us to two representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session in 1869."

The very able and efficient D. D. Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, Bro. C. D. STRONG, in transmitting the Encampment reports, writes as follows:

"I herewith enclose the semi-annual reports for the last two terms of the three Encampments in this State, the last of which has come to hand this morning. From these reports it will be seen that the Encampment branch of our Order is in a flourishing condition in this State. Preparations are being made for two other Encampments, and I hope before another year passes by to see a Grand Encampment organized in this State, to take charge of this branch of our Order."

Kansas.—I am in receipt of the annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this highly important and prosperous jurisdiction, but at so late a period as to prevent any further comment than to state that the reports show that in both branches of the Order its administration has been characterized by a zeal and activity which has moved it forward with great success. Thirty-one Lodges are at active and healthful work, with a membership exceeding fifteen hundred, and six Encampments, with corresponding energy, labor in the good cause. I beg to acknowledge Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, the worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, as among the most valued correspondents of this office.

Colorado.—The Grand Lodge of Colorado was organized under special authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the last session, and I have great pleasure in reporting that this young jurisdiction has entered into our general union with all the vigor and freshness of life and resolution which characterize the adventurous and enterprising people among whom it is located. No doubt whatever can exist of the rapid success of the Order in this State, and of its great value to the brotherhood. The very efficient Grand Master, Bro. R. G. BUCKINGHAM, under date of August 6th, supplies the following interesting detail of the progress of the Order in the State. He writes as follows:

“Accompanying the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, I have thought proper to give a brief statement of the condition of the Order in our jurisdiction. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are in as prosperous a condition as the financial condition of our territory at the present time will admit of, yet I feel confident that our prospects for the future are exceedingly bright. Since the institution of our Grand Lodge Georgetown Lodge, No. 5, has been instituted, and so far as I can learn is composed of good men and true, and is increasing weekly in numbers and usefulness. Georgetown is a thriving city of three thousand population, in the heart of the silver regions of our territory.

“So soon as the business of our country improves, we expect to be able to organize Lodges in Canon city, situated at the point where the Arkansas river emerges from the mountains; at Pueblo, in the southern part of the territory; at Golden city, on the road to Central city; and perhaps at Burlington, thirty-five miles northwest of Denver, in a rich agricultural region. Nothing but hard times has caused the delay in the organization of the new Lodges.

“There is a proposition now pending in our subordinates to memorialize the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to permit Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, of Dakota Territory, to connect itself with us, and to be, for a few years at least, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Nearly all of the membership of Cheyenne Lodge are old ‘withdrawn’ members from the Lodges of Colorado, and we are anxious to have them with us for various reasons. You will readily perceive that our field is extensive, and, judging from the zeal of our members, our prospects for the spread of the principles of our beloved Order are really encouraging.”

I am also advised by Bro. C. P. ELDER, D. D. Grand Sire of this jurisdiction, who transmits the reports of the two Encampments, Colorado, No. 1, and Denver, No. 2, together with their dues, “that it has been his pleasure to visit both Encampments at the installation of officers, on which occasion he found both active, earnest, careful, and prosperous; during the last term neither Camp has been forced to mourn the death of any of their members; the green sprig has been cast into the grave of an unaffiliated but needy Patriarch, who was unfortunate, but received the ready assistance of the Order.”

Sandwich Islands.—Under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California.

Washington Territory.—Under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Arizona Territory.—Arizona Lodge, No. 1, has been instituted in this territory, and has entered upon its work under the most favorable auspices. Six propositions for initiation were submitted on the first night of its institution, and the special commissioner authorized to organize the Lodge, Bro. E. J. COOK, represents them to be all of unexceptionable character. I here-with submit an application from the Lodge to be transferred to the jurisdiction of California, which I cordially recommend to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Utah.—Transferred to California.

New Mexico.—Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe, the only Lodge in this jurisdiction, has made its report, for the term ending June 30, 1868, showing a membership of twenty-five. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Montana.—Montana Lodge, No. 1, at Helena, Montana, reports up to December 31, 1867. Has a membership of thirty-six, and is doing well.

Dakota.—Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, located at Cheyenne, Dakota Territory, was instituted during the recess, under the superintendence of Grand Master R. G. BUCKINGHAM, of Colorado. A very interesting report has been received from Bro. JOHN FORBES, the special commissioner who opened the Lodge, showing the highly flattering auspices under which the Lodge has commenced its career. An application is made by this Lodge to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which is cordially endorsed by the Corresponding Secretary.

REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

Reports have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

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| Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico..... | 2 reports. |
| Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota..... | 2 " |
| Rochester Encampment, No. 2, Rochester, Minnesota..... | 2 " |
| Nicollet Encampment, No. 3, St. Peter, Minnesota..... | 2 " |
| Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Burlington, Vermont..... | 2 " |
| Walker Encampment, No. 5, Washington, Arkansas | 2 " |
| Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska city, Nebraska..... | 2 " |
| Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska..... | 2 " |
| Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas..... | 1 " |
| Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Central city, Colorado..... | 1 " |
| Denver Encampment, No. 2, Denver, Colorado | 1 " |
| Montana Lodge, No. 1, Helena, Montana..... | 1 " |

WARRANTS ISSUED IN RECESS.

Warrants have been issued during the recess upon the order of the M. W. Grand Sire for the institution of the following Grand and Subordinate Bodies:

GRAND LODGE.

Grand Lodge of Colorado, granted by Grand Lodge, located at Denver, Colorado.

SUBORDINATES.

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| Oasis Encampment, No. 5..... | Brattleboro, Vermont. |
| Arizona Lodge, No. 1..... | Prescott, Arizona Territory. |
| Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1..... | Cheyenne, Dacota Territory. |

These several bodies has been instituted, and has entered zealously upon the work. The returns of the institution are herewith submitted.

FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying, also, is appended the usual report of the stock on hand, and supplies sold during the year, with an analysis of the annual returns.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing
September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868.

| GRAND LODGES. | Charters. | Balance. | Cards. | Books. |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|
| Colorado | \$30 00 | ..... | \$10 00 | \$36 50 |
| Florida | | | | |
| Vermont | | | 5 80 | ..... |
| Lower Provinces B. N. A. | | \$75 00 | 12 00 | 11 06 |
| Ontario | | 13 50 | 50 00 | 35 50 |
| Oregon | | | 120 00 | 91 00 |
| Massachusetts | | | 240 00 | 97 00 |
| Louisiana | | 30 00 | 20 00 | 50 50 |
| Virginia | | | 45 00 | 12 00 |
| Georgia | | 26 | 20 00 | 18 50 |
| Nebraska | | | 30 00 | ..... |
| Michigan | | | 220 00 | 218 00 |
| Indiana | | 16 25 | 740 00 | 564 00 |
| Connecticut | | | 40 00 | 72 25 |
| Wisconsin | | 42 73 | 320 00 | 317 00 |
| Nevada | | | 60 00 | 57 50 |
| Maine | | | 69 00 | 10 00 |
| South Carolina | | | 4 80 | 1 00 |
| Arkansas | | | 40 00 | ..... |
| New Hampshire | | | 221 00 | 54 00 |
| New Jersey | | | 196 00 | 168 00 |
| Ohio | | | 1,000 00 | 292 00 |
| Missouri | | | 200 00 | 296 94 |
| Minnesota | | 22 49 | 50 00 | 60 00 |
| California | | | 400 00 | ..... |
| Mississippi | | 227 00 | 60 00 | 19 00 |
| Delaware | | | 108 00 | 52 00 |
| Iowa | | | 180 00 | 180 00 |
| Pennsylvania | | | 924 00 | 963 00 |
| Illinois | | | 600 00 | 551 50 |
| New York | | | 410 00 | 362 00 |
| Maryland | | | 220 00 | 97 25 |
| Kansas | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | 280 00 | 185 00 |
| | \$30 00 | \$427 23 | \$6,895 60 | \$4,872 50 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing
September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868—continued.

| GRAND LODGES. | Odes. | Diplomas. | Miscellaneous. | Rep. Tax. | Total. |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Colorado | \$5 00 | .... | \$ 69 | \$75 00 | \$157 19 |
| Florida ..... | .... | .... | .... | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Vermont ..... | .... | .... | 20 | .... | 6 00 |
| Lower Prov. B.N.A. | .... | \$18 00 | .... | .... | 116 06 |
| Ontario..... | .... | .... | .... | 150 00 | 249 00 |
| Oregon | 9 00 | .... | 82 00 | 150 00 | 452 00 |
| Massachusetts..... | .... | .... | .... | 150 00 | 487 00 |
| Louisiana..... | .... | 10 00 | .... | 150 00 | 260 50 |
| Virginia | 20 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 227 00 |
| Georgia..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 38 76 |
| Nebraska..... | .... | .... | .... | 75 00 | 105 00 |
| Michigan..... | .... | .... | 78 | 150 00 | 588 78 |
| Indiana..... | 80 00 | 12 50 | .... | 150 00 | 1,562 75 |
| Connecticut..... | 2 50 | 25 00 | 46 | 150 00 | 290 21 |
| Wisconsin | 55 00 | 50 00 | .... | 150 00 | 934 73 |
| Nevada..... | 10 00 | .... | 22 50 | 75 00 | 225 00 |
| Maine ..... | .... | 12 50 | .... | 150 00 | 241 50 |
| South Carolina..... | .... | .... | .... | 75 00 | 80 80 |
| Arkansas | 6 50 | .... | .... | 75 00 | 121 50 |
| New Hampshire... | 5 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 430 00 |
| New Jersey..... | 25 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 539 00 |
| Ohio | 100 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 1,542 00 |
| Missouri..... | 50 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 696 94 |
| Minnesota ..... | .... | 1 00 | .... | 75 00 | 208 49 |
| California..... | 179 10 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 729 10 |
| Mississippi..... | .... | .... | .... | 150 00 | 456 00 |
| Delaware | 30 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 340 00 |
| Iowa | 50 00 | 25 00 | .... | 150 00 | 585 00 |
| Pennsylvania | 350 00 | .... | .... | 150 00 | 2,387 00 |
| Illinois | 110 00 | 100 00 | .... | 150 00 | 1,511 50 |
| New York..... | 85 00 | 100 00 | .... | .... | 957 00 |
| Maryland..... | 20 00 | 12 50 | .... | 150 00 | 499 75 |
| Kansas..... | .... | .... | .... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Kentucky | 50 00 | 6 00 | .... | 150 00 | 671 00 |
| | \$1,242 10 | \$372 50 | \$106 63 | \$3,975 00 | \$17,921 56 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing
September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868.

| GRAND ENCAMPSMENTS. | Balance. | Cards. | Books. | Odes. |
|---------------------|----------|----------|------------|---------|
| Indiana..... | ..... | \$140 00 | \$132 00 | \$50 00 |
| Texas..... | \$75 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ohio..... | ..... | 220 00 | 400 00 | ..... |
| Georgia..... | 75 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New York..... | ..... | 30 00 | 74 00 | ..... |
| Mississippi..... | 9 00 | ..... | 6 00 | ..... |
| Pennsylvania..... | ..... | ..... | 255 00 | ..... |
| West Virginia..... | ..... | ..... | 18 00 | ..... |
| South Carolina..... | 4 91 | ..... | 18 00 | ..... |
| Michigan..... | ..... | ..... | 36 00 | ..... |
| Maine..... | 37 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Louisiana..... | ..... | ..... | 7 25 | ..... |
| Massachusetts..... | ..... | 120 00 | 36 00 | ..... |
| New Hampshire..... | ..... | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... |
| California..... | ..... | ..... | 112 00 | ..... |
| Wisconsin..... | ..... | ..... | 60 00 | ..... |
| New Jersey..... | ..... | 40 00 | 60 00 | ..... |
| Iowa..... | ..... | 60 00 | 90 00 | ..... |
| Illinois..... | 26 00 | 90 00 | 259 00 | ..... |
| Virginia..... | 75 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Missouri..... | ..... | 20 00 | 113 00 | ..... |
| Delaware..... | ..... | 6 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Connecticut..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Maryland..... | ..... | 25 00 | 51 00 | 12 50 |
| Kansas..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Kentucky..... | 60 00 | ..... | 69 00 | ..... |
| | \$362 41 | \$811 00 | \$1,856 25 | \$62 50 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868—continued.

| GRAND ENCAMPMENTS. | Miscellaneous | Rep. Tax. | Total. |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Indiana..... | | \$150 00 | \$472 00 |
| Texas..... | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Ohio..... | | 150 00 | 770 00 |
| Georgia..... | | 75 00 | 150 00 |
| New York..... | | | 104 00 |
| Mississippi..... | | 75 00 | 90 00 |
| Pennsylvania..... | | 150 00 | 405 00 |
| West Virginia..... | | 75 00 | 93 00 |
| South Carolina..... | | 75 00 | 97 91 |
| Michigan..... | | 75 00 | 111 00 |
| Maine..... | | | 37 50 |
| Louisiana..... | | 75 00 | 82 25 |
| Massachusetts..... | | 150 00 | 306 00 |
| New Hampshire..... | | 75 00 | 195 00 |
| California..... | \$120 00 | 150 00 | 382 00 |
| Wisconsin..... | | 150 00 | 210 00 |
| New Jersey..... | | 150 00 | 250 00 |
| Iowa..... | | 150 00 | 300 00 |
| Illinois..... | | 150 00 | 525 00 |
| Virginia..... | | 75 00 | 150 00 |
| Missouri..... | | 75 00 | 208 00 |
| Delaware..... | | 75 00 | 81 00 |
| Connecticut..... | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Maryland..... | | 150 00 | 238 50 |
| Kansas..... | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Kentucky..... | | 150 00 | 279 00 |
| | \$120 00 | \$2,550 00 | \$5,762 16 |

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing
September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868.**

| | Balance. | Charters. | Dues. | Odes. |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Chris Taylor, of Oregon..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| L. K. Barber, of Mississippi..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Nomicilla Lodge, No. 39, Ohio..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Joseph Gardner, of New Hampshire..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Huron Lodge, No. 37, of Ohio..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| John Madole, of New York..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| J. P. Davis, of West Virginia..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| J. H. Robinson, of Virginia..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| S. John Goodrich, of Nebraska..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Sewell Morse, of Vermont..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| John O. Raum, of New Jersey..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Wm. Gerstle, of Ohio..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| G. F. Mathers, of Louisiana..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Harrie Keyes, of New York..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Fred Auerbach, of Utah Territory..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Charles Betz, of Pennsylvania..... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona Territory.. | \$30 00 | .... | .... | .... |
| Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, Dakotah Territory | 30 00 | .... | .... | \$5 00 |
| Oasis Encampment, No. 3, Vermont..... | 30 00 | .... | .... | .... |
| Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado..... | .... | .... | \$46 40 | .... |
| Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Colorado..... | .... | .... | 89 10 | .... |
| Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Territory. | .... | .... | 100 90 | 2 00 |
| Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico Terr'y | .... | .... | 78 40 | .... |
| Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Nebraska.. | .... | .... | 34 40 | .... |
| Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt... | .... | .... | 10 20 | .... |
| Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska..... | \$30 00 | .... | 19 89 | .... |
| Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas..... | .... | .... | 13 30 | .... |
| Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas.... | .... | .... | 27 65 | .... |
| Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado..... | 9 20 | .... | .... | .... |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$39 20 | \$90 00 | \$420 24 | \$7 00 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary* for the fiscal year commencing
September 18, 1867, and ending September 1, 1868—continued.

| | Books. | Cards. | Diplomas. | Total. |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|
| Chris Taylor, of Oregon..... | \$15 25 | .... | .... | \$15 25 |
| L. K. Barber, of Mississippi..... | 1 25 | .... | .... | 1 25 |
| Nomicilla Lodge, No. 39, Ohio..... | 2 50 | .... | .... | 2 50 |
| C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts..... | 5 00 | .... | \$50 00 | 55 00 |
| Joseph Gardiner, of New Hampshire | .... | .... | 30 00 | 30 00 |
| Huron Lodge, No. 37, of Ohio..... | 1 25 | .... | .... | 1 25 |
| John Madole, of New York..... | 3 50 | .... | .... | 3 50 |
| J. P. Davis, of West Virginia..... | 22 94 | .... | .... | 22 94 |
| Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas..... | 3 50 | .... | .... | 3 50 |
| J. H. Robinson, of Virginia..... | 1 25 | .... | .... | 1 25 |
| S. John Goodrich, of Nebraska | 1 25 | .... | .... | 1 25 |
| Sewell Morse, of Vermont..... | 1 25 | \$6 20 | .... | 7 45 |
| John O. Raum, of New Jersey..... | .... | .... | 46 00 | 46 00 |
| Wm. Gerstle, of Ohio..... | .... | .... | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| G. F. Mathers, of Louisiana..... | .... | .... | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Harrie Keyes, of New York..... | .... | .... | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania..... | 37 50 | .... | 125 00 | 162 50 |
| Fred Auerbach, of Utah Territory .. | 17 50 | .... | .... | 17 50 |
| Charles Betz, of Pennsylvania..... | .... | .... | 1,385 50 | 1,385 50 |
| Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona Ter'y | .... | .... | .... | 30 00 |
| Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, Dakotah T'y | 4 00 | 20 00 | .... | 59 00 |
| Oasis Encampment, No. 3, Vermont. | .... | .... | .... | 30 00 |
| Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado | .... | 4 80 | .... | 51 20 |
| Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Col'do | .... | .... | .... | 89 10 |
| Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana T'y | .... | .... | .... | 102 90 |
| Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico T | .... | .... | .... | 78 40 |
| Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Ne'ka | .... | .... | .... | 34 40 |
| Green Mountain Encampm't, No. 3, Vt | .... | .... | .... | 10 20 |
| Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Neb'ka | .... | .... | .... | 49 89 |
| Walker Encampment, No. 5, Ark'sas | .... | .... | .... | 13 30 |
| Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Ark'sas | .... | .... | .... | 27 65 |
| Union Lodge, No. 1, Colorado..... | .... | .... | .... | 9 20 |
| | \$117 94 | \$31 00 | \$1,731 50 | \$2,436 88 |

REVENUE.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| The revenue of the fiscal year up to and inclusive of September 1, 1868, amounts to | \$26,120 60 |
| Of the amount due and unpaid, there will be received beyond doubt..... | 3,900 00 |
| Making a total of..... | \$30,020,60 |

The aggregate, it will be perceived, exceeds the revenue of the last fiscal year, and shows a highly prosperous condition of finance.

This exhibit is the more gratifying, in view of the fact that a very considerable reduction was made at the last session in the price of charge and degree books, and in diplomas and digests.

SOUTHERN RELIEF FUND.

There have been received to the credit of this fund the following amounts during the year, and from the sources indicated:

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| California..... | \$1,383 91 |
| Ontario..... | 111 59 |
| Maryland..... | 50 00 |
| Oregon | 415 00 |
| Massachusetts..... | 56 50 |
| Wisconsin | 100 00 |
| New Jersey | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$2,132 00 |

CONCLUSION.

It is my pleasure again, my brethren, to congratulate you upon the eminent prosperity which continues to crown our labors in the great work which we so sedulously pursue. Before the annual advent of another assemblage of this Grand Lodge, time in its transit will have completed the cycle of fifty years since the foundation of our beloved Order was fixed by its patriarchs, all of whom have been called from labor to final rest. Fifty years! How full of meaning these few short but comprehensive words: what a wondrous work has been compressed within that period in the world's history, what changes in its map, what progress in the culture and development of religion, arts, science, genius, philosophy, civilization, literature, commerce, manufactures, agriculture, and all the elements which make up the moral, intellectual, and material supplies of life, and so profusely administer to the comfort, happiness, and wealth of man? A comparative review of the relative influence upon nations, peoples, and varied communities of this progress during the long interval would profoundly interest the gleaner of statistics and memorials for the enrichment of history; but our more especial office is to look back upon the scene as it is spread out before our vision in our own annals, and in our experience and labor of love among the children of men. To us the question recurs, what have we done during half a century to vindicate our profession as philanthropists, as active workers in the myriad hive in an age supereminently humanitarian and benevolent?

In 1819 Odd-Fellowship set on foot its mission under the auspices of five plain and unpretending citizens; with feeble voice it uttered its proclamation of peace and good will to men on earth; its banner was flung to the breeze of Heaven, with its noble motto inscribed upon its fold, Friendship, Love, and Truth, the fatherhood of God over all, and the universal brotherhood of man. Moving forward from this noble standpoint, in half a cen-

tury it has enrolled in its army over a half a million of votaries, most of whom this day are at active labor. To a single Lodge of five members it has added thousands upon thousands, scattered over all the wide earth where civilization prevails, and still its stately tread is onward among the islands of the sea. This mighty host have pursued a single idea continuously, unremittingly, and with inviolable fidelity, turning neither to the right nor to the left, no matter how grave, exciting, or momentous the collateral issue—always ignoring self, and consecrating its massive energies and resources to the cause of humanity. In this behalf, accumulating during fifty years millions upon millions of money, which, under careful supervision, has been applied to the relief of the sick, the burial of the dead, and the education and support of the orphan. The value and influence of such a ministration upon the human family who shall attempt to aggregate, or even approximate, however gifted his power of description; all conjecture on such a subject would be as vain and fruitless as the field of labor and the resources employed in it have been vast and immeasurable. The reflective mind can much better conceive its magnitude than can language or figures attempt to portray it. Great as has been this *material* fruit of our mission, greater still have been its achievements in the moral field. It is our just prerogative to claim that we have reared an empire within the State, "*Imperium in Imperio*," which, vast as is the surface over which it extends, and varied as is the character and nationality of the people among which it dwells, is so consolidated and identified as to present an unbroken unity among a brotherhood numbered by thousands and tens of thousands in every quarter of the earth; and these divided and sub-divided into hundreds and thousands of distinctive Lodges, each acting independently within its sphere, yet in perfect harmony, all speaking a common tongue, acquiescing in a common law, and recognizing one central power as its great healthful heart.

The bare recital of these salient facts, without the aid of comment, will at once forcefully suggest the immensity of power for good which such an organization has the ability to exert, not only within its own household, but also upon every community within the scope of its influence; nor will its contemplation fail to awaken in every reflective observer the highest admiration for the earnest mind, active labor, and great ability which have wrought out so grand a consummation. To the great and noble principles of the Order do we owe much of its success; but to the well digested system of its government and administration, and their peculiar adaptation to the end, combined with the individual and personal instrumentalities of a devoted membership, are we mainly indebted for the glorious truth that we have not lived in vain. Each department of the Order, from its supreme head down to the humblest subordinate in the jurisdiction, has acted nobly its part—working up in admirable fidelity to the high obligations of its office. The Grand Lodge of the United States, rising in its attained strength, in spite of the restraints by which its primitive organization had been fettered, summoned to its councils a personal representation from every jurisdiction in the federation, and from that initial point the careful reader of its history will discover that Odd-Fellowship entered at once with a vitalized constitution and an improved ritual upon a splendid career of prosperity. The example and influence of the Supreme Body diffused itself throughout the entire fraternity in all its subordinate departments, inspiring corresponding life, ardor, system, and efficiency of administration. The organic law was everywhere conformed to meet the demands of an enlightened experience and the intelligence of the age; proper checks and balances were thrown around the common treasury, and a standard of character exacted which at once adorned the Order and challenged public approval.

Thus have we built upon the foundations laid in 1819 a superstructure whose lofty dome towers heavenward, opens wide its portals to the weary

and careworn, and cordially invites the good and the true to co-operative labor in aid of suffering man. While our hearts swell with just pride in the review of our labors and their fruits in fifty years, and our imagination, taking wings and vaulting into the great future, fifty years hence, looks out upon the scene then existant, let us not be led to exultation: let us never forget that it is God who hath given us the victory; that it is his wisdom which has guided our counsels, his providence which has shielded us from external danger, and saved us from internal dissensions, by the inspiration of a unity and concord which challenge comparison in the affairs of men. Let us thank him earnestly for an enlightenment which has lifted us often in advance of the age in which we have acted, and which has supplied us with nerve and energy so effective as to enable us to counteract ignorance and prejudice, and to overcome the vexatious delays and hindrances which these weapons have often interposed in our path, and, above all, let us thank him for the magnitude and value of our offering upon the great altar of humanity.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

Baltimore, September 12, 1868.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 2, 1867, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September 5, 1868.

| | Cards. | Degree of Rebekah. | Charge Books. | Degree Books. | Installation Books. | Institution Books. | Grand Lodge Books. | Encampment Books. |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| On hand, September 2, 1867 | 10,511 | 495 | 369 | 558 | 730 | 99 | 48 | 550 |
| Received during the year. | 50,000 | 655 | 2108 | 1000 | .. | 450 | .. | 500 |
| Total. | 60,511 | 1150 | 2477 | 1558 | 730 | 549 | 48 | 1050 |
| Sold during the year. | 45,147 | 624 | 1417 | 796 | 81 | 132 | 12 | 706 |
| On hand September 5, 1868. | 15,364 | 526 | 1000 | 732 | 649 | 417 | 36 | 344 |

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 2, 1867, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September 5, 1868—continued.

| | Grand Encampment Books. | Diplomas. | Odes. | Funeral Ceremonies. | Revised Journal, volumes. | Digests. | Forms for Degree Lodges. | Tracts. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------|
| On hand, September 2, 1867 | 20 | 616 | 1416 | 471 | 707 | 552 | 6925 | 9090 |
| Received during the year. | .. | 4500 | 24,879 | .. | 500 | .. | .. | 11,400 |
| Total. | 20 | 5116 | 26,295 | 471 | 1207 | 552 | 6925 | 20,490 |
| Sold during the year. | 10 | 4438 | 19,600 | 5 | 317 | 552 | 314 | 14,650 |
| On hand September 5, 1868. | 10 | 678 | 6605 | 466 | 890 | .. | 6611 | 5840 |

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES SOLD from September 3, 1867, to September 5, 1868,
showing the cost of each article, selling price, and profit.

| Number of each article sold. | Sold for. | Cost. | Profit. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Cards sold..... 45,147 | \$8,979 40 | \$902 94 | \$8,076 46 |
| Degree of Rebekah books sold. 684 | 1,288 00 | 150 48 | 1,137 52 |
| Charge Books sold..... 1413 { 1417 } | 2,757 00 | 453 44 | 2,303 56 |
| Furnished new Lodges 4 { } | | | |
| Degree Books sold..... 794 { 796 } | 1,513 00 | 254 72 | 1,258 28 |
| Furnished new Lodges 2 { } | | | |
| Encampment Books sold 694 { 706 } | 2,046 00 | 197 68 | 1,848 32 |
| Furnished new Camps. 12 { } | | | |
| Installation Books sold..... 81 | 150 00 | 22 68 | 127 32 |
| Odes sold..... 19,690 | 1,897 75 | 295 35 | 1,602 40 |
| Diplomas sold..... 4438 | 2,219 00 | 510 34 | 1,708 66 |
| Institution Books sold..... 132 | 246 00 | 29 26 | 215 64 |
| Grand Lodge Books sold 11 { 12 } | 24 00 | 3 00 | 21 00 |
| Furnished new G. Lodge 1 { } | | | |
| Grand Encampment Books sold 10 | 25 50 | .... | 25 50 |
| Tracts sold 14,650 | 146 50 | .... | .... |
| Forms for Degree Lodges 314 | 31 40 | 3 04 | 28 36 |
| Digests sold..... 338 { 552 } | 334 01 | .... | .... |
| Per resolution G.L.U.S. 214 { } | | | |
| Revised Journals sold... 34 { 317 } | 112 00 | .... | .... |
| Per resolution G.L.U.S. 283 { } | | | |
| | \$21,769 51 | \$2,824 05 | \$18,945 02 |

SOUTHERN RELIEF FUND.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| California | \$1,383 91 |
| Ontario | 111 59 |
| Maryland..... | 50 00 |
| Oregon..... | 415 00 |
| Massachusetts | 56 50 |
| Wisconsin | 100 00 |
| New Jersey..... | 15 00 |
| | \$2,132 00 |

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of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1868.*

| LODGES. | No of Lodges. | No. of initiations. | No. of rejections. | No. admitted by card. | No. withdrawn by card. | No. of reinstatements. | No. of suspensions. | No. of expulsions. |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| G. L. Maryland | 86 | 1380 | 170 | 80 | 146 | 165 | 546 | 9 |
| G. L. Massachusetts | 64 | 1422 | 152 | 186 | 114 | 39 | 143 | 7 |
| G. L. New York | 196 | 2591 | 282 | 159 | 299 | 191 | 980 | 27 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania | 526 | 10,360 | 1253 | 1106 | 1553 | 800 | 2989 | 117 |
| G. L. Dis. Columbia | 13 | 235 | 19 | 38 | 32 | 28 | 144 | 2 |
| G. L. Delaware | 30 | 229 | 23 | 16 | 39 | 15 | 78 | 4 |
| G. L. Ohio | 353 | 4219 | .. | 863 | 1030 | 458 | 1054 | 101 |
| G. L. Louisiana | 31 | 159 | 22 | 36 | 73 | 45 | 213 | 28 |
| G. L. New Jersey | 82 | 1422 | 115 | 91 | 96 | 146 | 308 | 22 |
| G. L. Kentucky | 123 | 879 | 114 | 116 | 197 | 62 | 278 | 26 |
| G. L. Virginia | 37 | 279 | 52 | 108 | 69 | 36 | 37 | 179 |
| G. L. Indiana | 273 | 2605 | 294 | 708 | 812 | 205 | 816 | 79 |
| G. L. Mississippi | 37 | 138 | 17 | 61 | 76 | 39 | 221 | 4 |
| G. L. Missouri | 137 | 1287 | 219 | 396 | 337 | 168 | 267 | 32 |
| G. L. Illinois | 286 | 2829 | 370 | 846 | 820 | 537 | 979 | 84 |
| G. L. Connecticut | 20 | 359 | .. | 20 | 21 | 22 | 80 | 2 |
| G. L. Texas | 53 | 184 | 20 | 106 | 87 | 40 | 225 | 6 |
| G. L. Tennessee | 83 | 577 | 114 | 115 | 146 | 397 | 198 | 20 |
| G. L. South Carolina | 18 | 45 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 8 | 54 | .. |
| G. L. Alabama | 24 | 73 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 19 | 78 | .. |
| G. L. North Carolina | 22 | 55 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 108 | 84 | .. |
| G. L. Georgia | 16 | 242 | 8 | 32 | 48 | 41 | 136 | 3 |
| G. L. Maine | 21 | 304 | .. | 8 | 15 | .. | 21 | 2 |
| G. L. New Hampsh'e | 25 | 494 | 76 | 49 | 66 | 38 | 62 | .. |
| G. L. Michigan | 79 | 1155 | 210 | 158 | 207 | 81 | 259 | 16 |
| G. L. Wisconsin | 94 | 1121 | 152 | 320 | 291 | 183 | 209 | 11 |
| G. L. Vermont | 5 | 44 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| G. L. Iowa | 122 | 1055 | 170 | 384 | 336 | 106 | 279 | 35 |
| G. L. Arkansas | 17 | 129 | 44 | 46 | 42 | 5 | 49 | 3 |
| G. L. Rhode Island | 11 | 195 | 26 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 23 | .. |
| G. L. Florida | 5 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 7 | .. |
| G. L. Minnesota | 16 | 236 | 40 | 96 | 74 | 25 | 42 | 3 |
| G. L. California | 141 | 1756 | 247 | 594 | 520 | 120 | 285 | 21 |
| G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A. | 3 | 39 | 6 | .. | 5 | 3 | 2 | .. |
| G. L. Ontario, Can'da | 17 | 405 | 34 | 18 | 44 | 7 | 23 | .. |
| G. L. Oregon | 26 | 270 | 50 | 62 | 114 | 25 | 2 | 3 |
| G. L. Nebraska | 9 | 97 | 9 | 19 | 24 | 4 | 15 | 1 |
| G. L. Kansas | 31 | 338 | 34 | 125 | 86 | 13 | 31 | 8 |
| G. L. West Virginia | 41 | 604 | 84 | 77 | 111 | 53 | 11 | 27 |
| G. L. Nevada | 13 | 214 | 53 | 86 | 80 | 12 | 57 | 3 |
| G. L. Colorado | 5 | 26 | 6 | 11 | 12 | .. | 1 | 2 |
| New Mexico | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | 10 | .. |
| Montana | 1 | 10 | 3 | 15 | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| Dakotah | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Arizona | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 3195 | 400,80 | 4514 | 7205 | 8095 | 4259 | 11,300 | 898 |

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| LODGES. | No. of deaths. | No. of members. | No. of brothers relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | Amount paid for the relief of brothers. | Amount paid for the relief of widowed families. |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| G. L. Maryland | 136 | 13,025 | 1577 | 168 | \$31,252 88 | \$21,121 30 |
| G. L. Massachusetts . | 83 | 7,971 | 512 | 200 | 12,268 21 | 3,108 88 |
| G. L. New York..... | 181 | 16,271 | 1618 | 475 | 32,477 83 | 10,404 14 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania .. | 543 | 66,235 | 7002 | 900 | 154,692 11 | 15,876 54 |
| G. L. Dis. Columbia.. | 23 | 2,412 | 380 | 125 | 5,033 38 | 3,551 04 |
| G. L. Delaware..... | 26 | 2,551 | 166 | 23 | 5,082 55 | 550 40 |
| G. L. Ohio | 204 | 28,810 | 1943 | 519 | 40,942 06 | 13,023 41 |
| G. L. Louisiana | 81 | 1,671 | 206 | 95 | 4,832 65 | 3,653 71 |
| G. L. New Jersey.... | 57 | 8,162 | 863 | 84 | 19,016 27 | 2,127 80 |
| G. L. Kentucky | 138 | 6,344 | 559 | 195 | 9,781 56 | 4,519 70 |
| G. L. Virginia..... | 32 | 2,711 | 286 | 136 | 4,584 34 | 2,213 91 |
| G. L. Indiana | 140 | 14,737 | 1564 | 205 | 22,490 25 | 5,041 86 |
| G. L. Mississippi | 27 | 1,268 | 52 | 9 | 633 00 | 111 25 |
| G. L. Missouri..... | 68 | 6,176 | 409 | 171 | 8,521 45 | 4,790 95 |
| G. L. Illinois | 116 | 14,407 | 939 | 146 | 13,069 13 | 3,053 74 |
| G. L. Connecticut .. | 15 | 2,178 | 176 | 14 | 2,481 75 | 175 75 |
| G. L. Texas | 75 | 1,177 | 107 | 13 | 1,728 50 | 75 00 |
| G. L. Tennessee | 31 | 3,329 | .. | .. | 2,048 80 | 2,613 80 |
| G. L. South Carolina. | 8 | 926 | 33 | 60 | .. .. | .. .. |
| G. L. Alabama | 11 | 725 | 70 | 50 | 1,035 80 | 1,029 50 |
| G. L. North Carolina. | 7 | 654 | 19 | 8 | 181 00 | 149 50 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 14 | 1,098 | 108 | 23 | 1,609 50 | 836 00 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 21 | 1,705 | 114 | 9 | 3,763 80 | 227 50 |
| G. L. New Hampsh'e. | 19 | 3,034 | 217 | 4 | 4,537 00 | 135 00 |
| G. L. Michigan..... | 30 | 5,179 | 117 | 26 | 2,643 80 | 701 65 |
| G. L. Wisconsin..... | 11 | 4,317 | 95 | 33 | 1,399 10 | 566 54 |
| G. L. Vermont | 4 | 239 | .. | .. | .. .. | .. .. |
| G. L. Iowa | 30 | 6,544 | 288 | 32 | 3,533 12 | 1,751 80 |
| G. L. Arkansas | 8 | 610 | .. | .. | 100 00 | 160 00 |
| G. L. Rhode Island... | 4 | 830 | 42 | 8 | 734 45 | 395 02 |
| G. L. Florida | 4 | 148 | 2 | 1 | 63 50 | 40 00 |
| G. L. Minnesota | 5 | 754 | 39 | .. | 478 00 | 22 60 |
| G. L. California..... | 105 | 10,053 | 1252 | 93 | 54,378 38 | 9,041 82 |
| G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A. | 3 | 242 | 8 | 3 | 110 00 | 60 00 |
| G. L. Ontario, Can'da. | 7 | 1,480 | 104 | 15 | 1,335 06 | 558 00 |
| G. L. Oregon | 7 | 1,114 | 60 | 3 | 2,110 37 | 287 50 |
| G. L. Nebraska | 1 | 478 | 19 | 4 | 370 50 | 74 50 |
| G. L. Kansas | 19 | 1,556 | 91 | 6 | 1,432 00 | 99 00 |
| G. L. West Virginia . | 19 | 2,617 | 185 | 52 | 2,677 13 | 885 90 |
| G. L. Nevada | 9 | 955 | 111 | 3 | 4,849 25 | 240 00 |
| G. L. Colorado | .. | 282 | 11 | .. | 260 00 | ..... |
| New Mexico | .. | 25 | .. | .. | | |
| Montana | .. | 36 | .. | .. | | |
| Dakotah | .. | | .. | .. | | |
| Arizona | .. | | .. | .. | | |
| | 2322 | 245,036 | 21,344 | 3911 | \$458,538 48 | \$113,275 02 |

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of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1868—continued.*

| LODGES. | Amount paid for the education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total relief. | Amount of the annual receipts. |
|------------------------|---|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| G. L. Maryland | \$3,214 47 | \$7,187 82 | \$62,776 47 | \$118,149 26 |
| G. L. Massachusetts . | 60 00 | 2,544 93 | 17,982 02 | 69,060 18 |
| G. L. New York..... | 330 36 | 7,229 84 | 50,442 17 | 142,086 41 |
| G. L. Pennsylvania .. | ..... | 35,547 27 | 206,115 92 | 523,290 26 |
| G. L. Dis. Columbia.. | 1,579 23 | 1,085 00 | 11,248 65 | 23,008 46 |
| G. L. Delaware..... | 91 56 | 1,912 53 | 7,637 04 | 14,115 16 |
| G. L. Ohio | 803 66 | 7,095 51 | 61,864 64 | 188,756 33 |
| G. L. Louisiana ..... | ..... | 3,768 90 | 12,255 26 | 25,255 26 |
| G. L. New Jersey.... | 510 86 | 3,169 05 | 24,823 98 | 71,658 63 |
| G. L. Kentucky..... | 886 50 | 2,975 10 | 18,162 86 | 55,930 08 |
| G. L. Virginia | 1,233 49 | 1,859 00 | 9,890 74 | 14,822 65 |
| G. L. Indiana..... | 4,170 37 | 4,332 73 | 36,035 21 | 146,443 10 |
| G. L. Mississippi .. | 85 00 | 585 00 | 1,414 25 | 7,338 30 |
| G. L. Missouri | 2,849 65 | 2,066 50 | 18,228 55 | 58,415 41 |
| G. L. Illinois..... | 281 20 | 2,872 58 | 19,276 65 | 121,831 64 |
| G. L. Connecticut ... | 49 50 | 813 50 | 3,520 50 | 21,830 40 |
| G. L. Texas | 88 15 | 1,019 50 | 2,911 15 | 11,719 00 |
| G. L. Tennessee | 1,563 40 | ..... | 6,226 00 | 23,689 03 |
| G. L. South Carolina. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,204 06 |
| G. L. Alabama..... | 233 00 | 450 00 | 2,748 30 | ..... |
| G. L. North Carolina. | 94 55 | 216 00 | 641 05 | 2,315 55 |
| G. L. Georgia..... | 256 55 | 470 50 | 3,172 55 | 8,390 32 |
| G. L. Maine..... | 10 00 | 453 50 | 4,454 80 | 11,959 28 |
| G. L. New Hampsh'e. | 16 54 | 817 00 | 5,505 54 | 19,321 58 |
| G. L. Michigan..... | ..... | 716 20 | 4,061 65 | 33,448 75 |
| G. L. Wisconsin..... | 117 50 | 590 25 | 2,673 39 | 25,874 35 |
| G. L. Vermont ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 119 03 |
| G. L. Iowa..... | 520 25 | 1,027 20 | 6,832 37 | 40,895 25 |
| G. L. Arkansas..... | 101 00 | 250 00 | 611 00 | 704 00 |
| G. L. Rhode Island .. | 4 47 | 135 00 | 1,268 94 | 9,508 07 |
| G. L. Florida ..... | ..... | 90 00 | 193 50 | 803 86 |
| G. L. Minnesota ..... | ..... | 177 25 | 677 85 | 7,959 10 |
| G. L. California..... | 613 50 | 9,903 19 | 73,936 89 | 239,591 67 |
| G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A. | ..... | 90 00 | 260 00 | 896 33 |
| G. L. Ontario, Can'da. | ..... | 252 18 | 2,145 24 | 9,948 27 |
| G. L. Oregon ..... | ..... | 160 00 | 2,557 87 | 26,000 00 |
| G. L. Nebraska..... | 12 00 | ..... | 457 00 | 2,806 67 |
| G. L. Kansas..... | 25 00 | 350 00 | 1,906 00 | ..... |
| G. L. West Virginia.. | 155 50 | 1,073 73 | 4,792 26 | 20,835 35 |
| G. L. Nevada ..... | ..... | 560 75 | 5,650 00 | ..... |
| G. L. Colorado ..... | ..... | ..... | 260 00 | 5,484 31 |
| New Mexico ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 477 20 |
| Montana ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,009 10 |
| Dacotah ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Arizona ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | \$19,957 26 | \$103,847 50 | \$881,118 26 | \$2,110,951 66 |

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1868.

| ENCAMPMENTS. | | No. of Encampments. | No. of initiations. | No. of rejections. | No. admitted by card. | No. withdrawn by card. | No. of reinstatements. | No. of suspensions. | No. of expulsions. |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| G. E. Maryland | 17 | 218 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 30 | 1 | |
| G. E. Pennsylvania.... | 133 | 2002 | 47 | 168 | 161 | 115 | 197 | 8 | |
| G. E. New York..... | 32 | 430 | 24 | 74 | 43 | 20 | 132 | .. | |
| G. E. Ohio | 98 | 1286 | 37 | 190 | 183 | 92 | 5 | 178 | |
| G. E. Kentucky..... | 24 | 199 | 10 | 12 | 48 | 6 | 46 | 3 | |
| G. E. Virginia | 10 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 83 | |
| G. E. Connecticut..... | 8 | 87 | .. | 10 | 2 | 5 | 2 | .. | |
| G. E. New Jersey..... | 23 | 306 | 14 | 45 | 43 | 11 | 29 | .. | |
| G. E. South Carolina... | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| G. E. Massachusetts ... | 14 | 332 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 2 | |
| G. E. Maine..... | 7 | 124 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 1 | .. | |
| G. E. New Hampshire.. | 8 | 169 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 1 | |
| G. E. Missouri | 25 | 203 | 2 | 29 | 22 | 14 | 55 | 4 | |
| G. E. Dis. Columbia.... | 4 | 88 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | .. | |
| G. E. Georgia | 5 | 58 | .. | 4 | 3 | 13 | 16 | .. | |
| G. E. North Carolina*. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| G. E. Indiana..... | 84 | 578 | 16 | 73 | 90 | 27 | 105 | 11 | |
| G. E. Michigan..... | 25 | 244 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 7 | 20 | 3 | |
| G. E. Tennessee | 23 | 215 | 2 | 40 | 31 | 222 | 22 | 3 | |
| G. E. Mississippi | 16 | 31 | .. | 4 | 15 | 4 | 20 | .. | |
| G. E. Louisiana..... | 5 | 32 | .. | 2 | 6 | .. | 29 | .. | |
| G. E. Alabama | 5 | 19 | .. | 11 | 11 | 2 | 15 | .. | |
| G. E. Delaware | 7 | 55 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | .. | |
| G. E. Wisconsin | 25 | 307 | 1 | 71 | 60 | 17 | 17 | 2 | |
| G. E. Rhode Island... | 6 | 42 | .. | 1 | .. | 10 | 7 | .. | |
| G. E. Illinois..... | 79 | 670 | 31 | 138 | 139 | 59 | 84 | 13 | |
| G. E. Iowa..... | 30 | 196 | 6 | 60 | 36 | 4 | 8 | 5 | |
| G. E. Texas..... | 10 | 23 | .. | 3 | 11 | .. | 6 | .. | |
| G. E. California | 33 | 384 | 13 | 42 | 92 | 18 | 52 | 2 | |
| G. E. West Virginia.... | 13 | 99 | 1 | 15 | .. | 22 | .. | 8 | |
| G. E. Kansas | 6 | 81 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | |
| Arkansas | 2 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | |
| Vermont | 3 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | |
| Florida | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | |
| Minnesota | 3 | 64 | .. | 34 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | |
| Ontario, Canada..... | 3 | 20 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | |
| Nebraska | 2 | 22 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | |
| Colorado | 2 | 54 | 4 | 10 | 12 | .. | 1 | .. | |
| Lower Provinc's B.N.A. | 1 | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | 795 | 8717 | 265 | 1087 | 1127 | 721 | 959 | 331 | |

*No report.

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| ENCAMPMENTS. | No. of deaths. | No. of members. | No. of members relieved. | No. of widowed families relieved. | Amount paid for the relief of members. | Amount paid for the relief of widowed families. |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| G. E. Maryland..... | 16 | 1729 | 283 | 12 | \$5,890 00 | \$1,214 00 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania.... | 81 | 9756 | 1899 | 53 | 20,813 29 | 933 75 |
| G. E. New York..... | 19 | 2067 | 79 | 4 | 1,396 50 | 134 00 |
| G. E. Ohio | 65 | 6514 | 599 | 19 | 10,291 50 | 256 00 |
| G. E. Kentucky..... | 21 | 1333 | 152 | 17 | 1,716 11 | 200 00 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | 11 | 671 | 57 | 5 | 628 00 | 80 50 |
| G. E. Connecticut..... | 4 | 524 | 22 | .. | 351 00 | .. |
| G. E. New Jersey..... | 9 | 1292 | 78 | .. | 841 48 | .. |
| G. E. South Carolina... | .. | 161 | 3 | .. | 32 00 | .. |
| G. E. Massachusetts.... | 21 | 1774 | 83 | 12 | 1,975 00 | 63 50 |
| G. E. Maine..... | 5 | 405 | 20 | .. | 300 00 | .. |
| G. E. New Hampshire.. | 2 | 801 | 46 | 1 | 676 00 | 40 00 |
| G. E. Missouri | 4 | 961 | 27 | 2 | 434 95 | 20 00 |
| G. E. Dis. Columbia.... | 8 | 765 | 75 | 15 | 1,017 50 | 399 00 |
| G. E. Georgia | .. | 319 | 22 | 1 | 23 00 | 10 00 |
| G. E. North Carolina* | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| G. E. Indiana | 23 | 3441 | 246 | 5 | 3,431 00 | 115 00 |
| G. E. Michigan..... | 4 | 773 | .. | 1 | .. | 10 00 |
| G. E. Tennessee | 7 | 895 | 17 | .. | 190 00 | .. |
| G. E. Mississippi | 4 | 92 | 2 | .. | 10 00 | .. |
| G. E. Louisiana | 8 | 237 | 7 | .. | 36 00 | .. |
| G. E. Alabama | 2 | 150 | 3 | .. | 30 00 | .. |
| G. E. Delaware..... | 6 | 360 | 27 | .. | 588 00 | .. |
| G. E. Wisconsin..... | 5 | 1008 | 2 | 3 | 15 00 | 95 00 |
| G. E. Rhode Island .. | 2 | 243 | 7 | .. | 78 00 | .. |
| G. E. Illinois..... | 29 | 2911 | 70 | 5 | 554 25 | 112 00 |
| G. E. Iowa..... | 7 | 1135 | 25 | .. | 232 00 | .. |
| G. E. Texas..... | 8 | 196 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| G. E. California..... | 16 | 1754 | 124 | 6 | 4,437 50 | 335 00 |
| G. E. West Virginia .. | 2 | 459 | 13 | 2 | 123 00 | 30 00 |
| G. E. Kansas..... | 1 | 273 | 3 | .. | 36 00 | .. |
| Arkansas | 1 | 65 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Vermont..... | 1 | 55 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Florida | .. | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Minnesota..... | .. | 91 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ontario, Canada..... | .. | 95 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nebraska | .. | 80 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Colorado | .. | 57 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lower Provinc's B.N.A. | .. | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 392 | 43,478 | 3991 | 163 | \$56,146 .58 | \$4,047 25 |

*No report.

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| ENCAMPMENTS. | Amount paid for education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total relief. | Amount of annual rec'ts. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| G. E. Maryland..... | | \$970 00 | \$8,074 00 | \$9,541 43 |
| G. E. Pennsylvania..... | | 4690 97 | 26,438 01 | 71,313 80 |
| G. E. New York..... | | 390 00 | 1,920 50 | 9,898 60 |
| G. E. Ohio..... | | 1167 50 | 11,715 00 | 43,020 67 |
| G. E. Kentucky..... | | 570 80 | 2,486 91 | 6,061 98 |
| G. E. Virginia..... | | 20 00 | 728 50 | 2,663 01 |
| G. E. Connecticut..... | | 45 00 | 396 00 | ..... |
| G. E. New Jersey..... | | 200 00 | 1,041 48 | 5,794 61 |
| G. E. South Carolina... | | | 32 00 | 282 24 |
| G. E. Massachusetts... | | 290 00 | 2,328 50 | 8,787 08 |
| G. E. Maine..... | | | 300 00 | 1,953 00 |
| G. E. New Hampshire.. | | | 716 00 | 1,617 50 |
| G. E. Missouri..... | | 25 00 | 479 95 | 3,795 41 |
| G. E. Dis. Columbia.... | | 150 00 | 1,566 50 | 4,066 11 |
| G. E. Georgia..... | | | 33 00 | 1,273 87 |
| G. E. North Carolina* | | | | |
| G. E. Indiana..... | \$59 90 | 430 00 | 4,035 90 | 17,620 07 |
| G. E. Michigan..... | | | 10 00 | 2,517 70 |
| G. E. Tennessee..... | | | 190 00 | 3,585 30 |
| G. E. Mississippi..... | | 60 00 | 70 00 | 981 65 |
| G. E. Louisiana..... | | 120 00 | 156 00 | ..... |
| G. E. Alabama..... | | 25 00 | 55 00 | 640 35 |
| G. E. Delaware..... | | 226 25 | 814 25 | 1,453 30 |
| G. E. Wisconsin..... | | 30 00 | 140 00 | 3,617 44 |
| G. E. Rhode Island.... | | 20 00 | 98 00 | 1,572 31 |
| G. E. Illinois..... | | 71 25 | 737 50 | 11,686 81 |
| G. E. Iowa..... | | | 232 00 | 3,912 14 |
| G. E. Texas..... | | 18 75 | 18 75 | 532 50 |
| G. E. California..... | | 614 70 | 5,387 20 | 25,461 33 |
| G. E. West Virginia... | | 49 00 | 202 00 | 1,901 90 |
| G. E. Kansas..... | | | 36 00 | 1,447 00 |
| Arkansas..... | | | | 1,535 50 |
| Vermont..... | | | | 65 50 |
| Florida..... | | | | 92 60 |
| Minnesota..... | | | | 936 39 |
| Ontario, Canada..... | | | | 351 74 |
| Nebraska..... | | | | 543 00 |
| Colorado..... | | | | 1,684 70 |
| Lower Provinc's B.N.A. | | | | 136 00 |
| | \$59 90 | \$10,184 22 | \$70,437 95 | \$252,344 54 |

*No report.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

Instructions to Special D. G. Sire A. D. Meacham.

I. O. O. F.
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
 R. W. G. L. U. S.
 Yonkers, October 7, 1867.

A. D. MEACHAM, Esq., *Special D. G. Sire to Australia.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Bro. RIDGELY has forwarded to me your communication of September 23d. I have carefully perused the same, and in accordance with your wishes, I herewith submit to you my views as to your mission, and what I think the Grand Lodge of the United States expected would be done in the premises, under their resolution adopted in 1859, viz., "Until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America." The limitations and conditions mentioned in the foregoing resolutions are as follows, viz.

1st. That the said "Grand Lodge of British North America" shall not at any time hereafter, in anywise, alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, pass-words, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of either of the written or unwritten Work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

2d. That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said Grand Lodge of British North America the annual traveling pass-word to be used within the jurisdiction of the said "Grand Lodge of British North America," and both jurisdictions shall use the same traveling pass-word.

3d. The qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges, within the jurisdiction of the said "Grand Lodge of British North America," shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

These are the resolutions under which a charter was granted and received by that Grand Lodge, but since that time they have received another from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and they are now under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. But as these are the only resolutions on record as the voice of the Grand Lodge, we must take them as our guide. It appears to be established, that there is now a Grand Lodge in Australia. If this is so, your business will be with that Grand Body, and here your mission commences. I need not say to you, my brother, that your mission is one of great importance, and that great care must be taken to meet the views and expectations of the brethren of Australia. You should at the same time do nothing to place our Grand Lodge in a false light before them, while we desire to spread the benign influences of our Order in foreign climes. We cannot lose sight for a moment that our work must be the work used, without alteration of a single letter or sign. If the Grand Lodge has no charter, we are willing to furnish them one upon the said grounds that other Grand Lodges have procured them, and upon no other terms, and also upon the express terms that they accept the same in the form and spirit of the resolutions herein given to you. I do not understand that the Grand Lodge proposes that you shall interfere with Subordinate Lodges; no

power is given you to institute them, except under the jurisdiction and with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. I should call upon the officers of the Grand Lodge, if they can be found, state to them your mission, show your authority, and request them to call a session of their Grand Lodge. If they refuse to do so, your mission is at an end. If they do, attend their session, and lay your business before them. If they make application for a union, then your work commences. You have power to grant a dispensation to that effect. Institute the Grand Lodge. Install their officers, and give those duly qualified the work of the Order—made so plain, that there can be no mistaking it for any other.

Your commission does not authorize you to organize the Encampment Branch of the Order; and under the resolutions of 1859, I have no power to change the form of your commission.

In regard to the books and papers forwarded to you by Grand Secretary JOHNSON, they were for the purpose of carrying out the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and if I understand it aright, it was with the view of supplying the Grand Lodge of Victoria the necessary materials to carry out the union of the Order. These supplies are entrusted to you as the agent of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to be furnished to that Grand Lodge, if they desire them, upon the same terms that other Grand Lodges receive them; and I suppose that will explain to you why Bro. JOHNSON has placed in the "bill" the price attached to each article.

This, my brother, covers the entire grounds of your inquiries. I have answered them plainly, so that there may be no misconstruction of the views of our Grand Body in the premises. Your experience in the Order will enable you, of your own judgment, to fill in the details; and, I have no doubt, you will be able to carry out this mission with honor to yourself as well as to the honor of our Grand Lodge.

I shall be pleased to hear from you from time to time as you proceed in your work, and when completed, request you will forward to me a full and comprehensive report of all your doings in the premises. Any further instructions that you may consider necessary will be promptly forwarded to you, upon your desire made known to me.

And now, my brother, with my hearty good wishes for your success and prosperity in establishing the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in Australia,

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire..*

Circular of Board of Directors of Grand Lodge of Victoria, in relation
to Special Deputy Grand Sire Meacham's Mission.

A. I. O. O. F.
GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA,
Office of the Board of Directory,
Geelong, 7th Dec., 1867.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Board of Directors, at a special meeting held this day at Geelong, for the purpose of "considering the mission of Bro. A. D. MEACHAM, Special Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, who had arrived in this Colony in compliance with an application made some years since by the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors of Victoria, with the view of affiliating with that R. W. Grand Body," arrived at the following resolution: "That, having heard the views expressed by Bro. MEACHAM, this meeting is of opinion that it is advisable to convene a special Grand Lodge meeting to take into consideration the advisability of affiliating with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and take final action in the matter; and further, that the Grand Officers,

together with Bro. MEACHAM, form a committee to draw up a circular explaining the objects in view and the mode of accomplishing the same, and that such circular be printed and forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges of this Order in Victoria, and that such Lodges call special meetings of its members so as to enable the officers to vote on the question at the special Grand Lodge meeting to be called to finally decide upon the matter."

In furtherance of these resolutions we respectfully beg to request that you will kindly inform us in writing of the terms and *modus operandi* under and by which the object sought can be accomplished, and in doing so would be thankful if you would allow your answer to be exhaustive as possible.

We remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

WM. STIRLING, G. M.,

JOHN W. DICKINSON, D. G. M.

J. HEDRICK, G. T.

A. I. COHEN, G. S.

To Bro. A. D. MEACHAM,

Special Deputy G. S. U. S. A., Melbourne.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE,

Of the G. L. U. S. for Australia.

Melbourne, Dec. 13, 1867.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated Geelong, Dec. 7th inst., informing me of your appointment as a special committee on the part of that branch of Odd-Fellows in this Colony known as the Ancient Independent Order, to confer with me relative to my *mission* to this country, and inquiring the *terms* or *conditions* upon which the object sought could be accomplished.

In reference to the first portion of your letter, I would respectfully say that my *mission* here is for the purpose of introducing the *work* of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows as practised throughout the United States and Canada, and is in consequence of the following proceedings had in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, as appears from the printed proceedings of that R. W. Grand Body.

During the year 1859 there were received by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States certain papers purporting to come from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, I. O. O. F., of the following tenor and date:

"On the 6th of June, 1859, the Grand Lodge of Victoria held a special meeting, at which it was resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the Grand Lodge of the United States, applying to them for affiliation and a charter for this Grand Lodge, said application to be signed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and five Past Grands; and that funds be sent to pay for the same, and for a supply of Grand Secretary and Lodge Certificates, and a complete set of all books—initiation, lecture or degree, and charge books—required for the guidance of this Grand Lodge."

Accompanying the above resolution appeared the following petition:

"To the R. W. Grand Sire, Grand Officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States: In accordance with the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Victoria on the sixth of June, we, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and the undersigned Past Grands, do hereby apply to you for affiliation with you, and that you will grant to us a charter acknowledging us as brethren, and constituting our Grand Lodge in connection with that of yours, and giving to our brethren the right of admission into your Lodges, &c., upon the same terms as those issued to British North America."

Signed by the proper officers and five Past Grands.

The above papers were referred to a special committee, who made an elaborate report, subsequently adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, of which the following is briefly the *substance*:

"That the consideration of this matter imposes upon your committee and upon the Grand Lodge itself a very grave responsibility. In it is involved the unlimited extension of the principles and benefits of our Order to nations other than those which are located contiguous to our own, and which may radically differ from us in both their social and political organization.

"Whatever we may do, it becomes us to so direct our action that the spread of Friendship, Love and Truth over the world should at least not be retarded or kept back.

"The small number of brothers in Australia who have sent up this petition to us appear to be engaged in a labor of love which our ritual imposes upon its devotees everywhere with a sincere and earnest purpose.

"If any course of action can be taken by this Grand Lodge, which shall foster and sustain or aid in building up a sister jurisdiction in Australia, your committee feel sure that every member of this R. W. Body will cheerfully and heartily join in such action.

"On the other hand, it cannot be denied that numerous difficulties surround this question, and render a satisfactory solution of it almost impracticable. As a preliminary step to an affiliation with the brethren in Australia, it would be necessary that their Grand Lodge should be legalized by a charter emanating from this R. W. Body, and that they should be placed properly in possession of the *work* as used throughout our jurisdiction. To do this would require the services of a competent member of this Grand Lodge, who would be obliged to proceed to Australia, and there upon the spot perform the duties of his mission. This would involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of money, which would have to be paid by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, or her Subordinates, in accordance with the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, Article sixth, which reads as follows: 'All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputed by him to institute a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.'

"It does not appear at present that the Grand Lodge of Victoria is either willing or able to defray the expenses which would necessarily be incurred by a special agent to Australia, and the matter must therefore be left in abeyance until something further is heard from them in response to our present action.

"In order, however, to save time, and to manifest the disposition of this Grand Lodge towards the Australian brethren, your committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the *work* of the Order in Victoria with that used in this jurisdiction has been produced, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and, if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America."

In accordance with the above resolution, I have been duly commissioned and authorized by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, if found favorable, to carry out the object of your petition.

In reply to the second portion of your letter as to the *terms and conditions* upon which the object sought can be accomplished, I would reply that they are—

1st. The acceptance of a *Charter* from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the being legally instituted by a duly qualified officer, and the adoption of the entire *Ritual* of that R. W. Grand Body, and the complete abrogation of your *present ritual* in all respects wherein it may conflict with that of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2d. That you shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of either the *written or unwritten work* of the Order as known and practised by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

3d. That the Annual Travelling Password shall be determined by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the qualification for membership in your Subordinate Lodges shall be the same as those established by the same R. W. Grand Body, said qualification being *at present* as follows, viz.: "A free white male, of good, moral character, twenty-one years of age, and who believes in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe."

The regalia being a portion of the "written work" must alone be used.

Lodge rooms must be guarded by two doors, with an anteroom or space between, and so situated as that no knowledge of what is going on within can be obtained by any person on the outside.

All matters pertaining to local government and laws not inconsistent with the general laws and usages of the Order; as also the regulation of the amount of *dues* and *fees* for *initiation, degrees, penalties, &c.*, to be paid by members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and amount of *sick benefits*, and *terms* upon which they shall be paid to members of such Lodges and Encampments, are subjects of local legislation, over which each Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction has supreme control in itself, which will in no wise be interfered with by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In the foregoing I have endeavored to be as distinct and at the same time as concise as possible, so as to leave no grounds of misapprehension of the entire subject in the minds of any of your members, and I trust that there will be none, but that all may act intelligently on the matter when the time for action shall arrive, having in view always what in their opinion will redound to the greatest good to our beloved Order, and hasten the time when "one law shall bind all nations, tongues and kindred of the earth," the law of universal brotherhood.

In consequence of the great length of time that has elapsed since the petition of your Grand Lodge was presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I find that you have deemed it expedient to present the whole subject matter a second time to the consideration of your various Subordinate Lodges for an expression of their present wishes in the premises, and in this connection I hope I may be pardoned for quoting at some length from a letter written to the Order in England in 1841, by the distinguished R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of our Grand Lodge, relative to the extraordinary growth and prosperity of our beloved Order in America, which has continued to this present time; and to some of the *causes* which have produced such gratifying results, the more especially as from the limited observations I have been able to make respecting some of your Lodges here, I am of opinion they may not be inappropriate:

"From a beginning extremely limited, it struggled in obscurity until the year 1830, when rising above the difficulties which had encompassed its youth, it rapidly and astonishly worked out its own way to character, by the inherent influence of its own moral power. The greatest obstacle which

interposed itself, for many years to the spread of Odd-Fellowship was the fact, that from the *place* of the assemblage of its Lodges, and the convivial practice indulged in at Lodge meetings, an opinion universally obtained in the community that it was a mere merry-making concern; and however it proclaimed itself as a humane, charitable institution, it was believed that such a title to public approbation was hypocritically put on, for the purpose of cloaking practices which, if acknowledged, would be sternly rebuked by public opinion. As such an impression for a long time cast Odd-Fellowship in this country into disrepute and opprobrium, so, from the moment of the removal of the cause, was a corresponding opposite disposition evinced towards it by our people. A spirit of inquiry into the principles of the Order at once prevailed, and happily produced the conviction that it contained within itself elements of great good, and could not fail, when disengaged of such obnoxious features, to attain to a degree of moral excellence which would crowd to its Lodge rooms the best and purest citizens of the Republic. This, my brethren, so much to be desired result has been more than realized, and the proud satisfaction is now enjoyed by us in America of witnessing as the fruits of our efforts in this reform a spectacle at once imposing and sublime. There scarcely exists in the vastly wide spreading territorial limits of America a single State or district where the votaries of Odd-Fellowship are not to be found—everywhere are the temples of our Order rising to the skies, dedicated to the cause of suffering humanity. Such is the picture of Odd-Fellowship in the United States, and under its existing auspices it is destined, at no distant day, we fondly anticipate, to afford relief to a greater amount of individual suffering than any other kindred association of equal resources in this country. Its great moral influence is felt and appreciated by the fraternity in the integrity of character which it inculcates and the rigid adherence which it exacts in all the relations of life to the practice of those virtues which adorn and dignify man. When such—its highest and holiest motive—shall cease to animate the Order in America, its epitaph will have been written as an institution deserving to claim no public consideration or concern whatever. No such fear, however, alarms us; but moving onward in silent and unobtrusive zeal in the promotion of its *real* purposes, with these cardinal principles ever in review, its future greatness and influence upon man's social and moral condition none can pretend to portray. Our career, be it with all deference spoken, affords an example not unworthy your imitation, and by regarding the results accomplished in America, at the simple cost of discarding *conviviality* as a feature in Odd-Fellowship, utterly at variance with the respectability, dignity, and consequent usefulness of the institution, a lesson may be taught, we trust, not entirely unprofitable to the brotherhood in England."

It would be useless for me to attempt to add anything to the above extract, which has been made in no spirit of complaint or fault finding, but the views expressed are affectionately submitted to your calm and dispassionate reflection, in the ardent hope that it may lead to a reform with you, if any is necessary, which will tend to give renewed vigor to your energies, enhance your weight of character, augment your influence, enlarge your sphere of action, and promote, as blended in one common interest, the welfare of our beloved Order in America and Australia.

Before closing this, I fear too long, communication, brethren, permit me to extend to you and through you to the members of the Lodges in Victoria my grateful acknowledgments for the very flattering reception, and many courtesies extended to me since my arrival among you—acts of kindness on your part which stamp you as Odd-Fellows, indeed, in act as well as word.

In the hope that your deliberations on the matters herein submitted may result in the greatest good to our beloved Order, and with sentiments of the

highest consideration and regard for the prosperity of pure Odd-Fellowship wherever established, I am, gentlemen and brothers,

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special D. G. S.*

To William Stirling, G. M.; John W. Dickinson, D. G. M.;

J. Hedrick, G. T.; and A. I. Cohen, G. S.

The foregoing presents, in the opinion of the committee, so comprehensive a statement that they do not think any remarks by them upon the subject called for. The Lodges will have every opportunity afforded to them of obtaining any further information they may desire by the visit of the Grand Officers in their respective districts.

Due notice will be given of the time and place of the special meeting to be called to decide upon the matter.

WILLIAM STIRLING, *Grand Master.*

Arrival of Special Deputy Grand Sire Meacham, of Melbourne.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR AUSTRALIA,
Melbourne, January 21, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, ESQ.,

M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge of the United States, Yonkers, N. Y.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: On the 23d of September, 1867, I had the honor of reporting to Bro. JAS. L. RIDGELY, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that I had accepted the commission long since authorized by the Grand Lodge for the organization of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellow in Australia, and was then on my way to that country for the performance of the duties attending the commission. I also asked for definite instructions as to the course of procedure for the proper carrying out of the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the premises, to which communication I regret to say, I have as yet received no answer. It is possible, that I should have also reported to you direct ere this, and if so, I trust you will pardon the seeming neglect.

I have now to respectfully report, that I arrived in this country on the 8th of November last, and as soon as my health would permit, reported my arrival, and the object of my visit to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, that being the body upon whose application my present commission was the result. My reception by them, and by the Order generally, as soon as my mission was known, was cordial in the extreme, and I am happy to say the same pleasant relations still continue.

The annual sessions of their Grand Lodge are held in September, and during the interim, the business is managed by a board called the Grand Directory.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was at once called by the Grand Master, at which, by their invitation, I was present, and explained to them fully the object of my mission, and the manner in which it could be accomplished. The members present expressed themselves as unanimously in favor of an affiliation with the Order in America, on the terms proposed, but in consequence of the great length of time that had elapsed since the application of their Grand Lodge had been made—(of which, in fact the most of the Directory present were themselves at the time ignorant,) it was deemed best to present the whole subject matter again to the Subordinate Lodges for an expression of their *present* wishes in the premises—and to

that end a committee was appointed in connection with myself to embody the whole subject in the form of a circular, to be sent to the various Lodges, subordinate to their Grand Lodge, requesting them to consider the same so that final action might at once be taken by their Grand Lodge, a special meeting for that purpose being called to take place in February next.

I immediately complied with their request, and my actions thus far, will appear in the enclosed printed circular to which I would respectfully call your attention, and which I sincerely trust will meet the approval of yourself, and of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

I have had the pleasure of visiting quite a number of Lodges in the colony since my arrival, and at every one, have I been received with the utmost kindness and cordiality, and all without a single exception that I am aware of appeared to be enthusiastically in favor of the proposed affiliation, consequently I have no reason to suppose that any opposition will be made to its accomplishment in the Grand Lodge when called upon to act at its special meeting next month.

The strength of the branch of the Order applying to us in Australia, (the Ancient Independent they call themselves) according to their last annual reports made in September and October of last year, is as follows, viz:

Grand Lodge of Victoria including New Zealand, 40 Lodges, 1976 members.

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| " | " | South Australia,..... | 22 | " | 1640 | " |
| " | " | Tasmania,..... | 7 | " | 592 | " |

The Grand Lodge of Victoria is the only one applying to us as yet, but it is confidently expected that if the proposed affiliation is finally determined upon by this Grand Lodge, that the others will also, and should the whole be successfully accomplished, we will have the proud satisfaction of adding to our present grand affiliation a good working membership of over four thousand, and establishing our beloved Order on this continent on a footing that will warrant the assurance of its being secure and permanent.

I trust you will favor me with your views at length on the subject, and if consistent, send a few words of encouragement and good cheer to the Grand Lodge which I trust will ere then, have been established under new auspices, and which may, perchance serve to give them renewed vigor in the cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail, I have the honor to subscribe myself.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special D. G. S.*

MELBOURNE, February 24th, 1868.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have now the gratifying intelligence to communicate, that the union of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in America and Australia is an accomplished fact.

I had the honor of informing you that final action on the ratifying of the application of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, made in 1859, would be had during the present month.

On the invitation of the principal districts and Lodges, I have visited them and given such personal explanations and information as was desired, and the whole subject matter has been thoroughly discussed by them, and finally a special meeting of their Grand Lodge was convened, at the city of Geelong, on Saturday last, the 22nd inst., and the application fully ratified by an almost unanimous vote. I enclose some slips from the papers of the day, which will give you a clear idea of what is done thus far.

The application was ratified on the basis of an independent charter, upon the conditions contained in my communication to their Board of Directors,

a copy of which I had the honor to send to you per last mail. I enclose a copy of the resolutions by which the application was ratified, and their Grand Lodge reorganized immediately on their adoption. I reorganized their Grand Lodge and duly installed the following officers, whose terms expire at their next annual communication, in September next:

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| William Stirling..... | M. W. Grand Master..... | Winchelsea. |
| John W. Dickinson..... | R. W. D. Grand Master..... | Melbourne. |
| James Brewster..... | R. W. G. Warden..... | Ballarat. |
| A. I. Cohen..... | R. W. G. Secretary..... | Melbourne. |
| John Hedrick..... | R. W. G. Treasurer..... | Geelong. |

I also instructed the whole Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge Degree, and all the Degrees of the Subordinate Lodge, together with the Honorary Degrees.

In the evening a general meeting of the Order was called, at which I gave them the ceremony of *initiation*, and fully instructed them in all things pertaining to the same, which appeared to give much satisfaction.

I have not as yet delivered the *charter*, as I am somewhat at a loss as to the proper mode of filling it up. I will do so, however, in some form, soon, and will send you a copy per next steamer.

I would respectfully recommend that *you* fill out one in *proper form*, either now or at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, have it properly signed by the present Grand Officers, and forward it to them here as an *independent jurisdiction*, upon the terms mentioned.

The brethren are now anxious for the Encampment Degrees also. I will forward by next mail a proper application, together with a list of names of brothers upon whom I desire to have proper authority to confer the three degrees for the purpose of regularly opening an Encampment. The brethren are anxious to get all while I am here, so as to avoid the great expense attending the coming out of another officer, and I am of opinion that it would be advisable to comply at once with their request.

I will want the necessary books, &c., for all purposes, together with the proper *jewels* for officers—sufficient for two or three Encampments would be all required at present. I would like also, if they could be sent at once, a full set of robes for officers, and costumes for conferring degrees—a set *not very expensive* would be best.

Be kind enough to let me know what books, cards, papers, &c., of all kinds that it is *imperatively necessary* should, for time to come, be obtained from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the prices of the same, also whether any of them could be printed or gotten up here. I have informed them that *all* must come through you, but am not positive that my position is correct.

By the last Panama mail I received a letter of instructions from the M. W. Grand Sire, JAMES P. SANDERS, to whom it appears you sent my communication of September last. I am glad to find that the course pursued by me has been substantially the same as that pointed out by the M. W. Grand Sire, and trust I may be equally fortunate in that respect in the future.

Will you be kind enough to communicate to him the substance of this letter, informing him also of my reception of his.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia and Tasmania will at once be informed of the action of this Grand Lodge, when it is confidently expected they will soon apply for a like change, and as my commission says *for Australia*, I presume I have the authority to reorganize them also on a proper application. I shall at once want sufficient Charge and Degree Books for at least twenty-five or thirty Subordinate Lodges for this Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special D. G. S.*

I. O. O. F.
 GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA,
Grand Secretary's Office, Commercial Road,
 Prahran, February 25, 1868.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does now accept the charter, books, papers, &c., presented by Special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM, upon the terms and conditions specified by him in a communication to the Board of Directors of this Grand Body, dated Melbourne, December 13, A.D., 1867; said terms and conditions being identical with those originally granted to British North America.

Resolved, That Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM be and is hereby respectfully requested to organize this Grand Lodge in accordance with the new charter now received, and to instruct the said Grand Body in the entire work of the Order, which may pertain to the same as established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of resolutions passed at a special session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., held at Geelong, in the Colony of Victoria, on Saturday, February 22, 1868.

A. I. COHEN, *Grand Secretary.*

Copy of Charter to the Grand Lodge of Australia.

I. O. O. F.
FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.
To all whom it may concern.

KNOW YE, That the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, as the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America, and by virtue of its constitutional authority to organize Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, in Foreign Countries, doth hereby create and erect into distinct sovereignty the various Lodges of Odd-Fellows heretofore existing in Australia by the name and title of the *Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Australia*, with power in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within the said province, except in the following respects, viz:

That the said "the Grand Lodge of Australia" shall not at any time hereafter in anywise *alter* or *repudiate* any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said "the Grand Lodge of Australia" the annual travelling password, to be used within the jurisdiction of the said "the Grand Lodge of Australia," and both jurisdictions *shall* use the same travelling password.

That the qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said "the Grand Lodge of Australia" shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Otherwise, this dispensation to be of no force or effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, this..... day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of our Order the forty-ninth year.

By the Grand Sire,

[SEAL.]

..... *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

Proceedings by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, accepting terms and conditions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, respecting their recognition as an integral part of the American Order.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, I. O. O. F.
Commercial Road, Prahran, Australia,
 February 25, 1868.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: A special Grand Lodge meeting was held at the Town Hall, Geelong, on Saturday, the 22d February, 1868.

At 10.30 A. M. the Grand Master took the chair and called upon the Grand Secretary to read the warrant under which the Grand Lodge was constituted. The Grand Secretary having complied, the Grand Lodge was then opened in full form.

The Grand Secretary then read the circular convening the meeting. The roll was called over, when the following Grand Officers and Representatives answered to their names as being present, viz: G. M. Bro. Wm. Stirling, D. G. M. Bro. J. W. Dickinson, G. Treas. Bro. John Hedrick, G. Sec'y. Bro. A. I. Cohen, and G. Directors Bros. J. Brewster, E. Roberts, W. H. Lock, W. J. W. Creber, W. H. Bennett, J. Fraser, and Wm. Dunn.

Representatives—Melbourne District.

P. G. M. Bro. T. W. Wright, P. G's Bros. W. Ornsby, J. E. F. Franks, J. Lang, H. Vine, A. Barnard, J. Kelly, Wm. Small, J. G. Wise, T. Bastard, J. W. Leonard, W. Gane, and V. G. R. Whitsford.

Geelong District.

H. Bannister, J. W. Sharp, Thos. Pufflet, J. C. Mead, H. A. Isard, J. Moir, Downie, J. F. Griggs, Isaac Griggs, J. C. Mogg, W. R. Fitton, Chas. Clark, J. Stirling, H. Collins, Geo. Lee, Jas. Gosney, Jno. Tilley, J. Tippetts, Geo. Illidge, Wm. Reeves, and Jno. Young.

Ballaarat District.

Geo. Morris, Geo. Ludbrook, R. Jones, G. R. Davis, J. R. Fryer, W. Ward, M. Sexton, J. Evans, A. Lewis, W. Seear, R. Brown, J. Stevens, A. Allchin, J. Thomas, J. Heron, W. Rankin, J. Holmes, and J. B. Pitts.

Gippsland District.

Special Representative V. G. Bro. Thos. H. Martin.

Otago District.

Special Representative P. G. M. Bro. F. Batcheldor.

Special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. Meacham was then introduced by the Grand Master, and, having explained the object for which he came to this colony, was put through a severe catechising by nearly every member present.

The Lodge then adjourned for refreshments, and on reassembling it was proposed by Prov. G. M. Bro. H. Vine, seconded by P. G. Bro. J. W. Leonard, that this Grand Lodge does now accept the charter, books, papers, &c. presented by Special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. Meacham, upon the terms and conditions specified by him in a communication to the Board of Directors of this Grand Body, dated Melbourne, December 13, A. D., 1867, said terms and conditions being identical with those originally granted to British North America.

Proposed as an amendment by P. G. J. Holmes, seconded by P. G. J. Evans, that, as the country Lodges generally are not in a position to meet

the expenses that will be incurred by affiliating with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of America, the affiliation do not take place.

The Grand Master ruled that the amendment was merely a negative, when a division was called for, and the following voted, viz:

For the original motion—G. M. W. Stirling, D. G. M. J. W. Dickinson, G. Tr. J. Hedrick, G. Sec. Bro. A. I. Cohen, G. Drs. Brewster, Roberts, Lock, Creber, Bennett, Fraser and Dunn, P. G's Wright, Ornsby, Franks, Lang, Vine, Barnard, Kelly, Small, Wise, Bastard, Leonard, Whitford, Gane, Banister, Sharp, Pusset, Mead, Moir, Downie, J. F. Griggs, I. Griggs, J. Stirling, Collins, Lee, Gosney, Tilley, Morris, Ludbrook, Jones, Davis, Fryer, Ward, Sexton, Lewis, Seear, Brown, Stevens, Allchin, Thomas, Heron, Rankin, Martin, and Batchelder.

Against the motion—W. R. Fitton, Clark, Tippetts, Reeves, Isard, Young, Evans, Holmes, and Pitts.

Absent during the division—J. C. Mogg and Geo. Illidge.

The Grand Master declared the motion carried amid an uproar of general applause.

Resolved, That Special Dep. Grand Sire A. D. Meacham be and is hereby respectfully requested to organize this Grand Lodge in accordance with the new charter now received, and to instruct this said Grand Body in the entire work of the Order which may pertain to the same as established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America.

The officers then temporarily vacated their seats, when the following were regularly installed by the Special D. G. Sire A. D. Meacham, viz: M. W. Grand Master Bro. W. Stirling, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. J. W. Dickinson, R. W. G. Warden, Bro. J. Brewster, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. A. I. Cohen, and R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Jno. Hedrick.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed G. Drs. Bro. Lock as W. Grand Marshal, Bro. Bennett as W. Grand Guardian, and Bro. Fraser as W. Grand Conductor.

The Grand Lodge was then put in possession of the unwritten work of a Grand Lodge, when it was unanimously

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be accorded to Special D. G. Sire A. D. Meacham for the trouble he took and manner in which he elucidated the work.

Resolved, That the G. M. and Directors, with Bros. Meacham, Small, and Vine, be a committee to draw up a code of laws for constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and to report to the Grand Lodge at its next session, in September next.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary inform the Grand Lodges of the Sister Colonies of the action taken by this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Prov. G. Officers of the various districts in Victoria, under the tuition of D. G. Sire A. D. Meacham, do instruct the various Lodges in the working of the Order.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in the initiatory degree, when the ceremony of initiation was duly performed according to the ritual of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of America. The candidate so initiated was Bro. J. B. Pitts, and at its conclusion the unwritten work of the whole of the degrees of a Subordinate Lodge, including the Degree of Rebekah, was then shown, and elucidated by Special D. G. Sire Bro. A. D. Meacham.

Accounts passed and ordered for payment, amounting to forty-pounds fifteen shillings.

Resolved, That a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Mayor of Geelong for his kindness in granting the use of the Town Hall.

The business being ended, Dep. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, by command of the M. W. G. M., closed the special session of this Grand Lodge at 11.30 P. M. in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

I am, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,

A. I. COHEN, *Grand Secretary.*

MELEBOURNE, Victoria, June 16, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Sire, Yonkers, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of March 20th, being duplicate of former letter of instructions dated October 7, 1867, was duly received per last mail via Panama.

The original (October 7) was also received by me, and acknowledged through the R. W. Grand Secretary in February last.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that I am very much gratified to find that the course pursued by me from the first was substantially the same as that recommended by you in the aforesaid communications.

I have reported regularly by each monthly mail leaving here to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, keeping him fully advised as to the progress of matters.

Since the adoption of our work by this Grand Lodge, in February last, I have been busily engaged in compiling a complete set of laws, similar in most respects to those of our own.

Have framed a constitution for their Grand Lodge, and also for their Subordinate Lodges. A printed copy of them was sent per last mail to the Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, to be laid before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, if, under the circumstances, it was necessary so to do.

I have also been constantly engaged in this, the Melbourne District, in instructing the Lodges in their new ritual, and can say that, thus far, I am very well satisfied with their progress. It takes much longer for the Lodges to learn in consequence of being compelled to *unlearn* what they had heretofore been taught; beside, *I compel every officer of a Lodge* to commit to memory, and deliver *without the aid of a book*, the whole of the initiation ceremony, except the Past Grand's charge, and that latter, also, as a *general* thing; also, all the charges and duties given in the opening and closing of a Lodge. I shall continue that course, unless I receive instructions to the contrary, as long as I remain in charge in this country.

I should not, however, have given so much time to this one district, had I brought more books with me—unfortunately, I have insufficient for even here, and consequently am compelled to await the arrival of more from our Grand Secretary, from whom I ordered a supply immediately on the final adoption of the charter and work by this Grand Lodge in February last. I expected to have received some from him by the last mail, but was disappointed; hope I may by all means by the next, as the Lodges throughout the country are getting very impatient, and in some cases into ill-humor in being compelled to wait much longer than they appear to think is necessary.

As soon as supplies are received I shall start for the country, and shall then reorganize and instruct all the Lodges as fast as possible—and doubtless I shall be able to pacify them for the delay as soon as the *cause* can be fully explained.

There are also, I understand, three entirely new Lodges awaiting to be instituted as soon as the necessary supplies shall have been received. A lengthened delay in the receipt of supplies at this time would embarrass me very much, and greatly increase the necessary difficulties under which any one labors in introducing a new system in a strange country; beside, in this case, I have occasionally some little *national prejudice* to overcome, which of course seizes any excuse to make a little unpleasant feeling; how-

ever, it will all come out right in the end, thanks to the *unquestionable* superiority of the new to the old ritual, which is fully apparent to the most prejudiced.

I much regret that I have not been favored with anything from the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of *any nature whatever* since my arrival in the country, but am yet in hopes that I may be more fortunate in the future, sufficiently so to make up for all deficiencies in the past.

I would respectfully call attention to the fact that my commission as Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australia expires on the 9th of September next, and, as the work in this country will not be completed by that time, a new commission should issue either to myself or some other brother of the Order who would give it his attention. Tasmania, South Australia, and New Zealand are yet to be reorganized, and I shall not possibly be able to visit them by that date. I will, however, continue to act as though reappointed, until I receive instructions to the contrary, as I am of opinion that it would be detrimental to the interests of the Order here to have any cessation of authority from the Grand Lodge of the United States to act in any case that might be brought forward.

Could you make it convenient to send me some engravings or pictures of Odd-Fellows' Halls in the United States? All societies in this country meet generally in a hotel—this Order owning no halls at all, but the propriety of building them is now being agitated to a great extent, and if I was enabled to show them, by a genuine picture of the buildings, what we have done and are doing there, it would be a great incentive to extra exertion on their part to do likewise here. Should you have anything of the kind, and would be pleased to send them, I should feel very much obliged. Printed matter or packages sent by mail, however, should be sent via Southampton or Marseilles—or by way of Panama. *Everything* is charged with *letter postage*.

I am also sadly disappointed in not receiving a copy of the proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1867. Could you favor me with one, unless the Grand Secretary has already forwarded one?

Hoping that our beloved Order has greatly prospered during your incumbency of the proud position of M. W. Grand Sire, and that you may be abundantly blessed in all your endeavors, I have the honor to subscribe myself, as ever,

Yours, fraternally,

A. D. MEACHAM, *Special D. G. S.*

Would it not be advisable for you or the Grand Secretary to give the general position of matters here to the brethren throughout the United States, through the medium of the "American Odd-Fellow," or some other publication?

Copy of Letter to Grand Secretaries, and their Several Replies.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Yonkers, N. Y., June 12, 1868.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: From your official position in your State you are supposed to be well acquainted with the progress and prospects of our Order. Will you please give me answer to the following queries, at your earliest convenience, together with such suggestions as may in your mind be thought necessary to increase the welfare and prosperity of Lodges

now in existence, and to be the means of reviving those who, from effects of the late war, have been considered out of existence since that period? viz:

1. How many Lodges have you now in working order, and number of members at last report?
2. How many Lodges considered extinct by reason of ravages of war?
3. How many members have been received the past year by initiations, deposit of cards? &c.
4. What pecuniary relief is needed by your State, if any, for resuscitating the Lodges considered extinct as above?
5. What are the resources of your Grand Lodge, if any, at present time, and is your Grand Lodge in debt, and, if so, to what amount?

And oblige, yours fraternally,

JAS. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

MACON, (GA.,) June 17, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 12th inst. came duly to hand and contents noted. I send you by this mail a copy of the last proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The Annual Reports from the Subordinates are made up from June 30th. About the 10th of July I can inform you of the number initiated and admitted the past year. Fifteen Lodges are now at work. Four Lodges have become extinct by the war.

To your fourth inquiry, as to what pecuniary relief is needed to resuscitate the Lodges that have become extinct by the late war, I am unable to answer. Many of the members of these Lodges are numbered with the dead, the few that are living are poor and disheartened.

To the fifth inquiry, relative to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. At the opening of the session of 1867 the Grand Treasurer reported one thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents on hand. At the close of the session he paid out of that amount nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-one cents.

At the special session of August, 1865, the Grand Lodge had no money to pay the Representatives. Scrip was issued payable when the Grand Lodge should have funds. Some portion of that scrip remains unpaid. The Grand Lodge has seven hundred dollars C. R. R. stock.

The fifteen Lodges now at work I do not think will be able to report one thousand members. The suspensions for non-payment of dues is larger than the admissions.

Washington Lodge No. 7, Augusta, (of which Brother B. CONLEY is P. Secretary,) has during the past two years suspended one hundred and twenty-six members for non-payment of dues.

Under the present unhappy and deplorable condition of our country, Odd-Fellowship is on the decline, and nothing but a change in our government can restore it. At the close of the war most of the Lodges and many of the brothers were penniless. Many members of the Lodges have been killed in the war; their widows and orphans left in destitute circumstances; the members living were poor and unable to render any assistance to their brothers' widows and orphans.

In the spring of 1866 the prospects in Georgia were promising, business was good, property high, and the people felt encouraged. *Alas the change!* At the present time business is dull and estates almost worthless. *Poverty* is staring many of our brethren in the face—they are poor and unable to pay their dues.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE R. BARKER, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY
Of the Grand Lodge of Alabama,
 Mobile, June 17, 1868.

J. P. SANDERS, *M. W. G. S. G. L. U. S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 12th inst. is to hand and contents fully noted. The answers to your first, second and fifth queries will be found in the copy of our last proceedings, already mailed you. Later information I shall be enabled to furnish you, and will be glad to do so, by, say, first of the coming August, or as soon as the annual reports are all in—our year in this State ending 30th June. As to the third and fourth, in general terms I might answer that No. 70 is the number of the last Lodge opened, and that out of that list some twenty-four are only in working order—many of those very “shaky” too—some of the extinctions though occurred previous to, and are not properly chargeable to the “disturbance,” *so-called*. As to the aid “needed,” in the same general terms I can truly say that our Northern brethren having already done more than we could have hoped for, our wants, great as they were, having been lightened much by their liberality during the past season, we feel a delicacy in parading our “woes,” as it were. However, as you wish the information—of course officially—I will, when I write again, after the reception of the Subordinate Lodge reports, give you what I may be able to collect bearing on that point, and in the mean time

I am truly and fraternally yours,

STUART W. CAYCE, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY
R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina,
 Charleston, June 18th, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *M. W. Grand Sire, Yonkers, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of the 12th inst. is received, and, as requested, I furnish replies to your interrogatories as far as I can with correctness at this time. The semi-annual returns from the Subordinate Lodges will be coming in during the next fortnight, when I can give you a more accurate statement. I do not delay writing, however, as you express a wish for an early reply.

1. We have eleven working Lodges, with an aggregate membership of eight hundred and twenty-three.

2. The same number have failed to report since the close of the war, and are therefore considered extinct, by reason of its ravages or results.

3. Cannot be accurately replied to, for reason above assigned.

4. We have still on hand the greater portion of the amount contributed through the Grand Lodge of the United States, awaiting opportunity for a prudent expenditure. The Lodges considered extinct are scattered through the State, and it is proposed to send a special messenger to each and all of them, and this will involve a considerable expense; and, in addition, from the poverty of our citizens, before a lodge could be revived, it would be necessary to supply them with working books and regalia. In many instances the halls, with all their contents, were destroyed.

5. The resources of the Grand Lodge consist in the per centage upon the amount received by the Subordinates for initiations, deposit of cards, degrees and dues. The sum received for these purposes (for well known causes) has been very small since the war, and the income of the Grand Lodge is not sufficient to meet its expenses. Year by year her indebtedness is increasing, and can only be liquidated by assessments upon the Subordinates, which, in

most instances, would be fatal to them. At present the debt is about five hundred dollars.

You have made no allusion to the Encampment branch, but I think desire information on that point also, and I beg leave to state that it is in much the same condition as the Grand Lodge, though not to the same extent. The Grand Encampment is indebted to the Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax, seventy-five dollars, some two or three years' standing, and also owes some local debts amounting to about one hundred dollars. If the former was remitted, we may, in time, be able to meet the latter; but it is impossible for us, with the small returns received from the Subordinates, to meet our current expenses and liquidate past debts. The Order, I think, is in a healthy condition, and if we could be relieved of these incubi, I confidently believe would advance rapidly until we have not only attained but exceeded our past prosperity. I have the pleasure of sending with this a copy of our last proceedings. Thanking you for your interest in our welfare, I am yours fraternally,

JOHN H. HONOUR, JR., M.D., *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
Natchez, Mississippi,
June 23, 1863.

JAMES P. SANDERS, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome favor of the 12th inst. to hand this morning, and perused with much interest. I will endeavor, so far as I have the information, to reply to the several queries contained in yours. As a general remark, to begin with, will state that the Order in Mississippi is now struggling very hard for existence; the very general impoverished condition of the membership in this jurisdiction operates against a speedy revival of the dormant Lodges that ceased to work before the war, and those that were compelled to cease work during the war.

The annual report of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, July, 1861, shows fifty-one Lodges at work at that period, and twenty-four extinct from various causes, the numerical number was seventy-five in 1861. Since then the numerical number has been increased to eighty-three, but we have only thirty-six actually in working condition now. Six of these are new Lodges organized since August, 1865. These figures give twenty-three Lodges now in a suspended or dormant condition by reason of the late war; a majority of these were completely broken up by the destruction of their halls or places of meeting, loss of emblems, regalia, record and working-books and papers.

I am unable to answer the third interrogatory, "how many members have been received the past year by initiation, deposit of cards," &c. The reports of Subordinate Lodges, and all the papers of the annual session, 1867, were lost by theft in the city of Jackson; those papers not having been recovered, and only a portion of the reports duplicated, make it impossible at this time to give the information required. Our Grand Lodge will be convened in annual session July 20, proximo; immediately thereafter will cheerfully send you that information in answer to interrogatory number four. "What pecuniary relief is needed by your State, if any, for resuscitating the Lodges considered as extinct by ravages of war." Before answering directly, would state that G. M. L. K. BARBER, of this State, informs me he is in receipt of one thousand dollars—Mississippi's distributive share of the relief afforded by donations from the sister jurisdictions at the North, for the relief of Southern Lodges, which amount is now in his hands, and will I presume be distributed at the July session. That amount will not afford all the relief needed, as the Grand Lodge is still in debt to the amount of

near seven hundred dollars, six hundred and six dollars of which is now due the Grand Lodge of the United States. The cash balance now in the Grand Treasury is small, barely enough to defray current expenses.

The resources of the Grand Lodge are quite limited, from the fact that so few of the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, and the whole number at work so few. The fund of the Grand Lodge is raised from a per cent. on the receipts of the Subordinates; although the per cent. is a heavy tax on the Subordinates—twenty per cent.—it produces but a small sum annually, at the same time is very burthensome to the impoverished Lodges. Had this Grand Lodge a surplus of say two thousand or twenty-five hundred dollars, it would, in my opinion, be ample to successfully revive a large majority of the Lodges now dormant, and place them in a condition to again become prosperous and useful. This Grand Lodge has no other resources than those above stated.

The Grand Encampment of this State, pecuniarily, is in about the same condition of the Grand Lodge. Out of sixteen Subordinate Camps at work before the war, only five have an existence now, and only three of the five in a prosperous condition. I learn from Grand Patriarch D. N. BARRONS, of Jackson, Miss., he is in receipt of six hundred dollars from Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of our Grand Encampment, being its distributive share of the fund aforementioned. This amount will afford more relief in proportion to the Patriarchial branch than that of the Grand Lodge, as the number of dormant Camps are not so great, and the Grand Encampment is only in debt to the amount of say one hundred and twenty dollars.

Owing to the loss of all the reports, papers, and rough minutes of the session 1867 of this Grand Lodge, a complete minute or proceeding has not been made up as yet, and no part thereof published, I send you a copy of the latest published preceding session, 1866.

I do not know that I can say anything further of interest at present writing. Will take pleasure in giving you, at the close of our approaching annual session, a more full and detailed account of the condition of the Lodges and of our membership, which information will be derived from late reports and other sources.

The impoverished condition of the membership of Mississippi is given as the only and true reason for want of a greater prosperity in Odd-Fellowship here, and until our situation and circumstances are improved the practical operations of the Subordinate Lodges will necessarily be limited. I find no lack of zeal upon the part of officers and members of the Lodges at work; there is a continued desire on the part of each and every one to do their whole duty. Time will, I trust, work a favorable change for the advancement of our noble cause throughout the whole South—the waste places be built up, and the Southern jurisdictions take position again as in years gone by.

I shall esteem it a special favor to hear from you as often as convenient, and any and all information as to the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction cheerfully imparted.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JNO. B. DICKS, *Grand Secretary.*

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I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. OF VA.

Richmond, June 26, 1868.

JAS. P. SANDERS, ESQ., *Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 12th inst. duly to hand, and I take pleasure in replying to your queries in regard to our Order in this jurisdiction, as follows:

1. How many Lodges have you now in working order, and number of members at last report?

Ansicer. Thirty-seven Lodges, two thousand five hundred and two members.

2. How many Lodges considered extinct by reason of ravages of war?

Ansicer. Twenty-five Lodges.

3. How many members have been received the past year by initiation, deposit of card, &c.?

Ansicer. Four hundred and twenty-four members.

4. What pecuniary relief is needed by our (your) state, if any, for resuscitating the Lodges considered extinct as above?

Ansicer. It is impossible at this time to answer that query. When the amount now in the hands of our Grand Master and Grand Patriarch, so generously bestowed by our more favored sister jurisdictions, through the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall have been expended, and for which purpose steps are now being taken by those officers, it can be better answered. But I would add, that in the present depressed state of affairs in our State, *all*, even our longest and most reliable Lodges are languishing, and it is with the utmost exertion that a majority of them can be kept at work.

5. What are the resources of our (your) Grand Lodge, if any, at present time, and is our (your) Grand Lodge in debt, and if so to what amount?

Ansicer. Our only resource is a levied tax of sixty cents per member per year. This apparently heavy tax is rendered necessary to secure the attendance of one representative from each Lodge at each annual session. This cannot be done unless the expenses of representatives are paid. This is the chief expense of our Grand Lodge. It is very cheerfully submitted to by our Order, poor as they are, because it secures to each Subordinate direct communication with the Grand Lodge, through its representative, and keeps it informed of the work, &c. The greater portion of our Lodges are in such isolated locations that this affords almost the only means of bringing them in contact with officers of the Order and of giving them information of its practical workings. Our Grand Lodge is not in debt, but must struggle hard to pay expenses.

I have thus answered your queries, and I regret they are not more favorable, but we do not intend to give up the ship, and will work hard to keep her afloat.

I send with this a copy of our proceedings, late annual communication, from which you will probably gather a more full condition of the Order in our State than I have given you above.

Very fraternally, in F. L. and T.,

WM. J. RIDDICK, *Grand Secretary,*

— MACON, (GA.) July 17, 1838.

JAMES P. SANDERS, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In my letter to you in June I promised to write you about the 10th of July. At that time I thought the Lodges would have sent in their reports about the 10th July. To this date only eight Lodges have reported. The eight Lodges report a membership of six hundred and forty-two.

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| Initiations during the year..... | 148 |
| Admitted by card..... | 17 |
| Reinstated..... | 36 |
| | 201 |
| Withdrawn by card..... | 24 |
| Suspended for non-payment of dues..... | 60 |
| Deaths..... | 10 |
| ..... | 94 |
| Total | 107 |

Total receipts during the year.....\$5,548 00
 Amount paid for relief of all kinds..... 2,210 00

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE R. BARKER, *Grand Secretary.*

I have often thought that if the Grand Lodges of the different States would admit all scarlet members that it would benefit the Order. Under the present laws many of the members are anxious to pass the Chairs for the purpose of admission into Grand Lodges; the result is *often* members are elected to *preside*, who are not competent. Their work is poorly done, in fact nothing is done as it should be. Very many members are what is termed nice young men, but who are not fit to preside over a Lodge. I know of two instances in my own Lodge, where parties have been initiated, and when they *saw* who the *presiding officer was, and seen him work*, they never returned again to the Lodge.

I am a Mason, and their laws admit all master masons into their Grand Lodges. A Master of a Lodge sometimes presides as long as fourteen years. They get a talented man in the Chair and keep him there.

If our laws would allow the Subordinate Lodges to keep a man in the Chair as long as he was willing to serve, it would greatly benefit the Order.

I. O. O. F.

Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary,
 GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS.

Galveston, July 31, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire, Yonkers, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of 12th ultimo reached me on the 22d, and I have delayed replying until I could send you a copy of our last proceedings, which, unfortunately, in giving to the lowest bidders this year, fell into slow hands. I mail you a copy with this. I answer your questions seriatim as given by you. We have now fifty Lodges reported as working, several having been reorganized since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, at which time, as you will see from the semi-annual report ending December, 1867, there were forty-five reported. Of this latter number, however, one has ceased to work, because of some personal differences in the membership, and one has been burnt out completely, (Ida,) but the brothers are so imbued with our principles that they are determined to go on despite disaster. During the past term, in six months, four have reorganized and two have been instituted, and there is a manifest interest felt in the towns nearest the Gulf for the spread of the Order. We are surely progressing as a jurisdiction. At the communication of 1867 we had but twenty-six Lodges; at the last forty-five; at the next I hope to report eighty. You will see that we have created the office of Grand Lecturer, and I have had the honor of being appointed thereto, and will leave next week upon the inspiring work of resuscitation and institution. I hope to make an interesting and satisfactory report to our Grand Lodge at its next communication.

2. There are still thirty-eight Lodges defunct in the State, the most of which—thirty at least—were compelled to suspend on account of or during the late war.

3. There have been raised during the year 1867, by initiation, one hundred and ninety-seven; by card, fifty-six; as Ancient Odd-Fellows, fifty-eight; reinstated, thirty-five; total, three hundred and forty-six. This advance, however, you will observe, has been opposed by many suspensions and some expulsions.

4. The relief sent to our P. G. M. and P. G. P. (\$1,212.98) is being dispensed at about an average of thirty dollars to each Lodge reorganizing, whose suspension was the effect of the war. Those yet defunct, and some

that have nobly struggled into the ranks of our glad army, and are but feebly battling for fraternity, could have their hands strengthened and their hearts made glad by a larger help than can be afforded from the relief fund, and no doubt our Texas division could do much more thereby. The year 1867 was a terrible barrier in our way, not only by reason of the general unsettled condition of the country, but because of the failure in the cotton crop, and consequent general poverty of all classes. There is no improvement yet, but there is no sign of the fearful epidemic so far, and the crops of cotton, corn, and wheat are promising, and doubtless our kind Grand Master above is overruling things for the temporal good of us here. Under these circumstances I think we shall have less difficulty in going forward in the cause, and the prospect being cheering for an increased pecuniary ability, I hope we shall need no further aid from our brothers who have already so generously contributed to help us.

5. The resources of our Grand Lodge, as to ready means, are comparatively quite small. I say comparatively, because, although the Grand Lodge is possessed of some property, yielding some money—see proceedings, page 1328—her losses last year, expenses, and poverty of many Lodges owing her, together with some debts, absorbs more than her income. The debts of the Grand Lodge you will find also stated at page 1329, and may be set down at \$3,684, United States' currency, and \$2,018.61 coin, due to Galveston Lodge, No. 3, of this city.

This statement, I believe, covers your questions, and I beg to refer you to the accompanying proceedings for the same information in detail, and for a more exact condition of the Order in Texas. I have tried to make the present proceeding more general in its information to our brothers, as much to gratify a laudable curiosity as to the condition of the Order in Texas, as to excite and increase their interest in a cause second only to christianity in its objects, principles, and power of good.

I shall be glad to furnish you any further information not now given, and with my best wishes for you, individually, as the head of our great Order, and for the Order itself, I am

Fraternally,

J. W. BRADFORD, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY
Of the *Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Arkansas,*
Little Rock, (Ark.) Aug. 6, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Absence from home is my apology for not answering your note sooner. The Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction are very slow in making their returns, and I am now compelled to make you this report without the returns from several of the Lodges. I will answer your questions in their order. We have now seventeen Lodges, with six hundred and ten members at last report. There are seven Lodges that may be considered extinct by reason of the war. I do not know that any pecuniary relief is needed for our State more than has been furnished by the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States. As far as the Lodges have reported we have received one hundred and twenty-nine by initiation and forty-six by card. The amount paid to the Grand Lodge as far as reported is six hundred and three dollars and forty-seven cents. I am glad to inform you that our Grand Lodge is free from debt.

I think that political peace and a few good crops in our State would accomplish more for the welfare and prosperity of Lodges now in existence than anything I can imagine, and would do much towards reviving those out of existence; it would relieve from pecuniary embarrassments some of our competent officers to visit the Lodges and localities of extinct Lodges,

to awaken their slumbering energies, and cause them to go to work in earnest in behalf of our beloved Order.

Hoping that the above may reach you in time and furnish you the desired information,

I am yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

THOS. R. WELSH, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,

Of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Mobile, August 12, 1868.

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire G. L. U. S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The annual report having gone forward *minus* seven Lodges delinquent, whose rolls of membership are reported same as last year, I now, according to promise, renew the subject of my note of the 17th June last. The report sent on to RIDGELY shows, I am sorry to say, on the grand total, a loss of five—this being no doubt caused by the delinquency of these seven Lodges (nearly one-third) failing to report. By closely scanning the January reports and by information derived otherwise, I am of opinion that instead of a loss of five, as reported, there is an actual increase of at least seventy-five, and I so stated in the letter to the G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary, accompanying the report, among our good deeds to go on the credit side. We have resuscitated two Lodges, Nos. 21 and 44, and to use a nautical term “held our own.” These two resurrected ones, Nos. 21 and 44, (dug up, we term them,) are doing as well, nay better than could have been expected.

So far as the resources of the Grand Lodge are concerned, they are comprised in per centage on receipts of Subordinates and profits of supply sales, the last a mere bagatelle, the profits and bad debts being about equal, our calculations being that if the money we have on hand and the estimated receipts between now and at the annual session pay the expenses of said annual session, it will be about all it will do—in other words, if we can make both “ends meet” it will be as much as a bargain. Other resources we have none. In regard to pecuniary relief—it is needed, of course, and would no doubt hasten the resuscitation of the Order here, * * * * * though of course we will do our best, but its rather hard (as we have been doing for the last ten years) to do your best all the time.

Truly and fraternally yours,

STUART W. CAYCE, *Grand Secretary.*

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report.

Thanks to R. W. Grand Officers and others of New York for Civilities
and Hospitalities.

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members of
the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York.*

BRETHREN: As the ministerial officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., it is made my duty to transmit to your R. W. Grand Body an official copy of the accompanying resolutions, unanimously adopted at its last annual communication, in September, 1867.

These resolutions so fully express the high sense of appreciation entertained by that distinguished body "for the courteous reception and the cordial and unremitting hospitality" extended to its officers and members upon the occasion of its assembling in the city of New York, in September, 1867, that it would be an act of supererogation on my part to add a single word. I may be pardoned, nevertheless, I hope, in view of the great value to the Order which the spirit of fraternity so nobly displayed on the occasion referred to suggests, if I remark that the splendid character of the reception, the entire devotion of the committee and individual brethren of the jurisdiction to promote the comfort, vary the enjoyment, and multiply the pleasures of the distinguished guests, has left a memory on the hearts of the recipients which will never die whilst life continues, and the influence of that memory will essentially serve to strengthen their affection for our common beloved Order.

With sincere respects, yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

I. O. O. F., Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
Baltimore, December 26, 1867.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

AND. H. GREEN, Esq.,
Comptroller of the Central Park, New York.

Baltimore, December 26, 1867.

DEAR SIR: I herewith transmit an official copy of certain proceedings had in the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual communication of 1867, held in the city of New York, which express in a few but meaning words its high appreciation of your kind and courteous attentions to its officers and members on the occasion of its visit to the Central Park, by your special invitation, in September last.

In the discharge of this very pleasant office, I beg to remark that each gentlemen of that Grand Body was sensibly impressed with the magnificence of the scene which was witnessed, with the splendid genius which its perfect arrangement so strikingly reflected, and with the grandeur and surpassing beauties which art, wealth, and taste combined had emphatically created upon a spot of earth, to the adornment of which nature had contributed so little from its superabundant stores of the grand and the picturesque.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
 OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
 R. W. G. L. U. S.

MYER STERN, Esq., Baltimore, December 26, 1867.

Chairman, and his associate members of the Committee of the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum of the city of New York.

GENTLEMEN: By direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., I present herewith to you an official copy of resolutions adopted by that Grand Body, at its annual session in the city of New York, in September, 1867.

These resolutions testify the sense of honor and pleasure experienced by that body in the formal visit made to your noble institution in virtue of your very polite and courteous invitation. I venture to add the remark, that the impressions left upon the mind of our brethren by the interesting exhibition brought to their notice on that occasion were such as time will never efface. The labor of love upon which you have entered, and which you have so sedulously and successfully pursued, will yield fruits which, in the great future, will not only enure to the personal benefit of the immediate recipients of your benevolence, but will likewise confer great advantage upon the body politic. To each of you individually will also be assured a reward of rare excellence, in that consciousness which your noble efforts in behalf of your fellow beings will supply, which, like "bread cast upon the waters, will return after many days" to bless your declining life. As laborers in a kindred cause, we bid you "God speed," and invoke for you from our common Father his continued favor and approving smile.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
 OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
 R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Esq., Baltimore, January 2, 1868.
President Department of Public Charity and Corrections.

DEAR SIR: In conformity with instructions to that effect the undersigned Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., has the honor herewith to present to you certain proceedings had at its annual session in New York in September, 1867.

These proceedings speak the unanimous and sincere thanks of the body for the compliment of the invitation extended by you to its officers and members to visit the institution under your charge, and for the courtesy and assiduous attentions bestowed upon them upon the occasion of the visitation.

Very respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
 OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
 R. W. G. L. U. S.

THOMAS BOESE, Esq., Baltimore, January 6, 1868.
Clerk of the Board of Education of the city of New York.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor, in obedience to the unanimous direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to herewith transmit to you a copy of certain proceedings had in said Grand Lodge, expressive of its profound appreciation of the honor conferred upon its officers and members by your kind invitation to them to visit the schools under the charge of the Board of Education of the city of New York.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, January 1, 1868.

NATHAN C. ELY, Esq.,

Chairman Committee of Invitations of New York Institute.

DEAR SIR: I herewith transmit certain proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., unanimously adopted at its late session in New York, September, 1867. These proceedings express the profound sense of appreciation entertained by that body for the kind invitation and courtesies extended to it, by the various public institutions of your great city, upon the occasion of its assemblage in New York.

Especially was that distinguished body impressed by your very polite invitation as Chairman of the Committee of Invitations of the New York Institute, to its officers and members, to visit the Grand Fair of the American Institute on the evening of the 21st September, 1867.

I have therefore great pleasure in transmitting to you the accompanying testimonial of its grateful acknowledgments.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 19, 1867.

S. D. BROOKS, Esq.,

Superintendent and Physician New York Juvenile Asylum.

DEAR SIR: Please receive accompanying an official copy of proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, had at its annual session held in New York, September, 1867. I am directed by the unanimous vote of that distinguished body to transmit the same to you, as a testimonial of the high sense of honor and appreciation entertained for your kind invitation to it to visit the institution over which you preside with such marked ability and success.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

NEW YORK JUVENILE ASYLUM,

New York, February 26, 1868.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the

United States of the I. O. O. F., and Gentlemen of the Order.

DEAR SIRS: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your complimentary letter, accompanied with resolutions and a report of the proceedings of the "annual communication" of your distinguished body recently held in this city.

While we deeply regretted your inability to honor us with your presence, and indulge us in the pleasure of exhibiting to you personally our institution, we are nevertheless very grateful for your expressions of high appreciation of our public charities, and cordial sympathy in the objects which they seek to promote.

I beg you to accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for your prosperity and happiness in promoting the noble purposes of your philanthropic organization.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

S. D. BROOKS, *Supt., &c.*

I. O. O. F.
 OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
 R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 26, 1867.

Professor ISAAC LEWIS PEET,

Principal New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

DEAR SIR: Herewith I have the honor to transmit an official copy of proceedings had in the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual session held in the city of New York, September, 1867.

I am directed to present to you these resolutions, unanimously adopted by that Grand Body, as a feeble expression of its heartfelt gratification at the exhibition witnessed by its officers and members upon the occasion of its formal visit to the noble institution over which you so efficiently preside.

Whilst I tender you, in its behalf, its grateful expression of thanks for the honor of your considerate invitation and courteous attentions, allow me to say that the extraordinary and sublime scene displayed by the interesting pupils under your charge, on that long to be remembered day, created emotions which language is wholly powerless adequately to describe. Our hearts and minds were filled with mingled delight and wonder—delight, that a triumph so complete had been achieved by human agency over natural disabilities and privations, which for centuries past has baffled the skill of the most eminent: wonder at the proficiency and reach to which science had attained in its long and persistent struggle to accomplish such marvelous results. A philanthropy so noble, and so efficiently and successfully directed, impressed us with the highest admiration of the wisdom and humanity of the State, and of the able and paternal administration of the very responsible office which you so meritoriously occupy. However great the commonwealth of New York in all the elements which make up its general renown as the Empire State of the Union, her enlightened and hospitable people cannot boast or display in the coronet of honor which decks her brow a jewel which sparkles with more brilliancy than does this splendid fostering of her generous and refined civilization.

I have also the pleasure, by direction of the R. W. Grand Body, to present to you, for the Library attached to the institution, twenty-five copies of a "Tract on Odd-Fellowship," entitled "*Odd-Fellowship, What is it?*" This little sheet may possibly meet the eye and arrest the attention of some of your precious charge: from its pages they will learn that we too are at work, although in another field, in the great cause of humanity: thus our sympathy in their misfortune has been quickened and intensified, and our gratification at the success of the means employed for its mitigation has been correspondingly enhanced.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Corresponding and Recording Secretary, I. O. O. F.

NEW YORK, February, 1868.

DEAR SIR: On the 30th of January last, P. G. Sire KENNEDY favored us with a visit, accompanied by Mrs. K. and some other ladies, and brought with him your very kind and courteous letter of December 26th, together with the framed resolutions of your Grand Lodge, a memento which will be carefully preserved and highly prized by our pupils. He also brought the copies of the pamphlet "*Odd-Fellowship, What is it?*" which were received with pleasure and interest.

Judging from what we have seen of them, the Order of Odd-Fellows must be an organization that attracts gentlemen of high culture, warm benevolence, generous feelings, and finished courtesy. The very gratifying appreciation of our success in educating those so long held totally incapable

of education, coming from such a source, will be felt as no small reward of our zeal and diligence, and an encouragement to unfaltering labors in our career of benevolent effort.

With high respect, most truly yours,

ISAAC LEWIS PEET, *Principal*.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 17, 1867.

ELISHA KINGSLAND, Esq.,

Chief Engineer New York Metropolitan Fire Department.

DEAR SIR: I have the pleasure herewith to accompany a certified copy of proceedings had in the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its late annual session, expressive of its sincere recognition of the honor conferred upon its officers and members by the polite invitation received from you to visit and inspect the houses and apparatus of the various companies under your charge. Allow me to congratulate you, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the great success which your department has attained, and upon the efficiency of your administration of so important an arm of the public service.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 5, 1867.

To the Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York

having in charge the reception of the R. W. Grand Lodge

of the United States, I. O. O. F., upon the occasion of

its meeting in New York, in September, 1867.

BROTHERS: By direction of the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., I have the honor of transmitting to you the accompanying resolutions, unanimously adopted by that distinguished body, at its late annual communication, held in the city of New York, September, 1867.

The resolutions speak for themselves, and utter a voice of grateful acknowledgment, which will doubtless be as gratifying to you as it is honorable to the high body from which it emanates.

With the assurance of my sincere personal respect for the committee individually and collectively, I remain,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Esq.,

Baltimore, December 6, 1867.

Past Grand Sire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Accompanying this please find official copy of resolutions unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual communication, September, 1867. These resolutions I am directed to transmit to you by that distinguished Grand Body, as an expression of its grateful recollection of your assiduous attentions and fraternal courtesies to its officers and members, upon the interest-

ing and memorable occasion of its assembly in the city of New York, in September, 1867.

In the performance of this, to me especially agreeable office, believe me, my brother, I experience more than ordinary gratification. You, when but a young man at the threshold of life, entered upon the work which has produced, despite of formidable obstacles, the great moral yield which Odd-Fellowship is now reaping throughout the world. It was then that you and I first met, and, inspired by kindred natures, formed an acquaintance which ripened ere long into sincere affection; that affection has strengthened with advancing years, and has never for a single moment been disturbed. By the mercy and goodness of a kind Providence, after so many years, with all their varying scenes, and with their accumulating cares and experiences, you are spared to witness the dream of your youth realized in the culminating triumph of Odd-Fellowship. You have been contemporary with its whole active life, with its founders and fathers: you have contributed largely, by wisdom of counsel, discretion, and experience, to its successful development and practical value, and have justly reached, and nobly worn, its highest honors. Can it be at all surprising that the office of transmitting to you the resolutions accompanying, in view of these memories, should awaken in me peculiar pleasure.

Yours is truly a position in our brotherhood of great distinction and honor, and but few of its early friends who set out with you in this field of labor have survived to share the rich enjoyment which it is your privilege to claim. From the standpoint of the present, when you look back upon the long past, your heart must thrill with delight at the scene which rises sublimely before you. May its contemplation, and the intimate association of your own life long labors with its grandeur, inspire you with a deep felt gratitude to "the author of every good and perfect gift," that he has crowned the work with his approving smile, and that he has graciously vouchsafed to you that highest reward which man can attain on earth, viz. "the consciousness of having acted well his part."

To this great reward, my dear brother, the supreme head of the Order has superadded its cordial testimony in the recognition and appreciation of your claims upon its gratitude, so handsomely and affectionate embodied in the resolutions which I have the honor and the pleasure herewith to transmit. I pray that your life may be long spared, and that its usefulness and value to the Order may continue unabated until its latest lingering twilight.

Affectionately, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the report was dispensed with, and it was referred to the same committee to which the M. W. Grand Sire's report was referred.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer announced that he would report on to-morrow morning.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to furnish each officer and member of this Grand Lodge with ten printed copies of the reports of its Grand Officers and of its daily Journal.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this R. W. Grand Lodge shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M., with a half hour's recess at 12 M. each day, until further ordered.

The Chair announced the following as the standing committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; STUART, of District of Columbia; PAGE, of Wisconsin; and FORD, of Massachusetts.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; SMILEY, of Tennessee; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; and SPRAGUE, of Michigan.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. MAURO, of Missouri; BANCROFT, of Massachusetts; THAYER, of South Carolina; FUNK, of Indiana; and ADAMS, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. TERWILLIGER, of New York; BAILEY, of Pennsylvania; LOGAN, of Kansas; McCARTY, of Indiana; BOTSFORD, of Connecticut.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; CARTER, of Ohio; ANDREWS, of Texas; KINGSBURY, of Maine; and SHIELDS, of Alabama.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. DOWDEN, of Kentucky; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; FITHIAN, of Ohio; HIDE, of Tennessee; and READ, of New Jersey.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; DURHAM, of Kentucky; WHITE, of New York; DANNALS, of California; and DAVIS, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; MAYES, of Mississippi; STRONG, of Minnesota; ROGERS, of Illinois; and HARRIS, of Connecticut.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. VIELE, of Ohio; RANSOM, of Kentucky; FORCE, of New Jersey; LATHAM, of Virginia; and HAVENNER, of District of Columbia.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. McLEAN, of District of Columbia; GLENN, of Iowa; FOULK, of Delaware; WOODYATT, of Canada West; and DUVAL, of West Virginia.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. GUNNISON, of California; HAUPT, of Georgia; JONES, of Nebraska; OAKES, of Michigan; and HAYDEN, of Massachusetts.

By order of the M. W. Grand Sire the roll of State jurisdictions was called for business.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Massachusetts, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BANCROFT, of Massachusetts, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge on that body the importance of again procuring from Lodges statistical information similar to that reported in 1853; but, in addition, to ascertain the expenses of the Subordinate Lodges for other purposes than benefits, and to report a basis on which Lodges can work and carry out in practice the original intentions of our founders on the subject of benefits.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be requested to try and secure the adoption of the following resolution by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, so as to secure more uniform work in Subordinate Lodges, and to conform to the decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Digest, page 40, decision 6, under "Degrees," and page 45, decision 4, under "Degree Lodges."

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree in form and manner as prescribed in the Charge Book for conferring degrees, and after having been regularly closed in form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for in the form and manner provided in the Degree Charge Book, page 3, after which they shall open in the initiatory degree, and immediately close in due form.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to vote in favor of the adoption of the recommendation made by the special committee on suspensions, as offered at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. (Journal, page 4189.)

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Lodge is hereby given to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania to hold their next annual session at the city of Harrisburg.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the edition of the Digest of the Laws of the Order published in 1864 has been exhausted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ some competent brother to revise said Digest, and to make a digest of the legislation and decisions of this Grand Lodge, had since the session of 1863, to be added to the present Digest, in such manner as shall be deemed advisable by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, that the work may contain the existing laws of the Order.

2. *Resolved*, That when the said work shall be completed it shall be submitted to the M. W. G. Sire and R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and upon being approved by them there shall be published of the same one thousand copies.

3. *Resolved*, To carry into effect the foregoing, one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HERR, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS there is a different practice in the several jurisdictions as to the conferring of the Rebekah degree upon the widows of Odd Fellows; therefore,

Resolved, That the Degree of Rebekah shall not be conferred upon a widow who was not the wife of an Odd Fellow of the scarlet degree.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the time and mode of voting upon penalties, after conviction for misconduct, is an appropriate matter for the legislation of the several Grand Bodies, and is hereby delegated to them.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order as relates to the second decision of the Grand Sire in 1865, (Journal, page 3821,) the same having been referred to the Legislative Committee of that year without report therefrom, be now referred to the Legislative Committee for the preparation of the necessary legislation.

Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the forms for laying corner stones and dedicating Odd-Fellows' Halls, as found in Grosh's Manual, *may* hereafter be used by Lodges, when preferred by them, to the forms heretofore prescribed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BARNARD, of Alabama, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HARRIS, of Georgia, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1865, pages 3827 and 3846, a report from the Legislative Committee was adopted in reference to the issuance of cards which this Grand Lodge believes will operate injuriously on the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to ask that body to rescind or modify said decision, and make it more in consonance with the spirit of our organization.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BARRON, of Wisconsin, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to advocate the repeal of all legislation forbidding the admission to membership of persons who have lost an arm.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and books of diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that officer is hereby requested to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the work, not only during the sittings of this Grand Lodge but under proper restrictions during its recesses.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the Revised Journal of this Annual Session.

Rep. STRONG, of Minnesota, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, submitted the following query, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Is a brother qualified and eligible for the Chair of Noble Grand who has lost his right hand, or whose right hand has been so injured that its natural use has been seriously impaired?

Rep. DANNALS, of California, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of California :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the petition of brethren in this jurisdiction requesting that proper steps be taken by this Grand Lodge to obtain the consent and direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the translation of our work into the Italian language, and their authorization for the establishment and chartering of Subordinate Lodges to work in that language, having considered the subject matter, would report :

We recommend that the petition be entered upon the Journal, and the request of the petitioners be complied with. It appears that a large number of Italians, who are acquainted with the English language, have united themselves with Lodges in different parts of this jurisdiction, and the number would be greatly increased from among worthy men of the same nationality, who are but partially acquainted with the English language, if

the opportunity were given them to unite with a Lodge working in their own language. It is reasonable to suppose that such brethren, upon their return to their native land, would prove efficient instruments in the introduction and establishment of our Order among the enlightened and intelligent of their countrymen, and materially assist our French and German brethren in disseminating our liberal principles among European nations.

We therefore present the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to present the petition above referred to at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that they use their endeavors to procure such legislation in that Body as will accomplish the desire of the petitioners.

E. W. ROBERTS,
J. H. MCKUNE,
M. M. ESTEE,
A. B. ASHER,
A. C. BRADFORD.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, under direction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, submitted the following query, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

What is the position in the Order of a brother who is over fifty years of age, holding a withdrawal card less than one year old? Can he be admitted to membership by any Lodge, or is legislation in the matter required?

Rep. SMITH, of West Virginia, presented the appeal of P. G. M. HYLAND, of West Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That in all cases where the constitution or laws of a State Grand Lodge or Encampment are in conflict with the constitution, laws, or decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the latter shall prevail, and the portion of the State Constitution and laws so inconsistent with those of this Grand Lodge shall be of no legal force or effect.

Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That when a member of an Encampment in good standing takes a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Encampment shall not be affected thereby for a year from the date of his said withdrawal card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Encampment if he deposits his withdrawal card in a Subordinate Lodge and becomes a member thereof at any time within a year from the date of his said withdrawal card, provided he shall keep his dues paid up in his Encampment during that time.

Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby instructed to present to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States, for answer, the following question, to wit:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge the power, by a standing resolution, to confer upon a brother of a Lodge under a foreign jurisdiction the freedom of debate upon all questions that may come before the Lodge?"

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of transferring Cheyenne Lodge No. 1, of Dacotah, to the jurisdiction of the State of Colorado.

P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Amend article twenty-two of the By-Laws as follows: Strike out the word "aprons" wherever it occurs in said article, except when relating to Encampment regalia, so that the article when amended shall read as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE XXII.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely, first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Plain white aprons for the initiatory degree.

The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar—each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the royal purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and for Patriarchs who have attained the royal purple degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat

of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

WHEREAS the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, adopted at the session of 1865, (page 3848, Journal,) permitting, under certain restrictions, the readmission of non-affiliating members into the Order, is manifestly misunderstood or misconstrued in some of the jurisdictions, to whom the privileges of the law have been granted, as is apparent from the diversity of their local law providing for the readmission of such members, and also from the loose and irregular manner in which they are admitted to membership in Subordinates, while in some instances they are in membership in their original Subordinates, from which they have not been suspended; and whereas many of the said jurisdictions permit their Subordinates to readmit non-affiliating members without regard to the *time* or *cause* of their suspension, and often upon the mere verbal representation of applicants, without scrutiny as to the correctness thereof, or proper inquiry into the status of such members in the Order, or any investigation as to their eligibility or qualifications, or the slightest evidence whatever of their having used due diligence in endeavoring to obtain a card from the proper Grand Officers where it is claimed that their Subordinate is defunct, and while, in point of fact, it is often the case that the Subordinate is in existence and regularly working; and, whereas it is important and necessary that the said law of this Grand Lodge should be clearly defined, that it may be uniformly observed throughout the entire Order, so that the rights and prerogatives of one jurisdiction should not be infringed upon by another: Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of the law providing for the readmission of non-affiliating members of the Order, adopted at the session of 1865, that such jurisdictions using the privileges thereof by special grant of the Grand Lodge of the United States may readmit to membership in their Subordinates such non-affiliating members residing within the limits of their jurisdictions respectively who have become *suspended for the non-payment of dues in another jurisdiction*, and who have been suspended for that cause only for at least three years, and also the right to readmit non-affiliating members residing in such jurisdictions who have lost their connection with the Order by reason of their Subordinates, formerly existing in another jurisdiction, becoming defunct by ceasing to work, or surrendering their charters, or otherwise, where such members have been unable, after proper application, to obtain cards from the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction of the defunct Subordinates, as provided for by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, passed at the sessions of 1859 and 1864, sections 44 and 48, pages 28 and 29, Digest.

Resolved, That for the purpose of securing, as far as practicable, a uniform operation of the general principles of the law of 1865 referred to, all jurisdictions to whom its privileges have been or may hereafter be granted, are hereby required to incorporate into their local law, on the subject of readmitting non-affiliating members of the Order, the following directions to their Subordinates, viz:

I. Any Odd-Fellow residing within the jurisdiction, who was formerly a member of the Order in another jurisdiction, and who has lost connection therewith, either by suspension for the non-payment of dues for at least three years in an existing Subordinate, or by reason of his Subordinate becoming extinct, and who has not been able to get a card from the Grand Officers of

the jurisdiction in which such Subordinate was located, may apply for reinstatement to a Subordinate nearest his present residence, by petition setting forth:

1st. His full name, age, occupation, residence—name, number and location of the Subordinate of which he claims to have been a member—his rank in the Order, condition of his health, and the names of two or more respectable persons for reference as to moral character.

2d. If the petitioner has been suspended for the non-payment of dues he shall state that he has been suspended for that cause only and for a period of at least three years.

3d. If he was formerly a member of a Subordinate now defunct he shall so state, and also that he has used due diligence in endeavoring to obtain a card from the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction under which the Subordinate formerly existed, and that they refused to issue to him a card, and the applicant shall also state when and to whom he applied for such a card.

II. When a petition, in accordance with the above, has been presented to a Subordinate, it shall be referred to a committee, as in the case of other applications for membership, which committee shall investigate the matter:

1st. By ascertaining that the petitioner does reside in the limits of the jurisdiction and nearest the Subordinate petitioned.

2d. By corresponding with the Subordinate of which the applicant claims to have been a member, if such Subordinate is in existence, and ascertain if the petitioner has been suspended therein for the non-payment of dues for at least three years, and that there are no other charges against him.

3d. If the Subordinate is defunct, then the committee shall correspond with the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction under which the Subordinate formerly existed, and ascertain if the petitioner was a member thereof, and also whether he had applied for and had been refused a card by such Grand Officers, and the reason for such refusal.

III. 1st. The committee of investigation shall make report of all the facts in the case, with such information as they may have obtained in the investigation of the matter.

2d. If it is found that the applicant is eligible, as to the *cause* and *time* of his suspension, or that his Subordinate being extinct and the Grand Officers of its jurisdiction had refused to issue a card because of the non-payment of the amount standing against him on the books of the extinct Subordinate, or the books thereof being lost or destroyed, he was not personally known to the Grand Officers, and they still refuse to issue a card on the request of the committee, in his behalf, then in either case, if the applicant be found worthy and in all respects qualified, the Subordinate petitioned may proceed, according to its law regulating the election of members, to vote upon his application, and, if elected, he shall pay such fee as may be required by the law of the Subordinate, or that of the jurisdiction, and become a member by signing the Constitution and By-Laws of such Subordinate, and shall take rank therein as he may be able to prove himself to have attained in the Order.

3d. Should the committee, however, fail to obtain any satisfactory evidence of the applicant's former connection with either an existing or extinct Subordinate, then he cannot be readmitted to membership under the law of 1865, and can only be admitted to membership by initiation, as if he had never been a member of the Order.

IV. 1st. Whenever a Subordinate shall readmit an applicant who was suspended for the non-payment of dues for the time specified, or who was unable to get a card, notice of his readmission shall be immediately sent by such Subordinate to the Subordinate of which he was formerly a member, if existing, and the said last named Subordinate shall strike his name from its roll of members.

2d. If the member elected was formerly a member of an extinct Subordinate, then the Subordinate electing him shall notify the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction of such extinct Subordinate, that the proper entry may be made upon the books thereof in possession of the Grand Officers, or other record be made if its books have been lost or destroyed.

V. Should the committee of investigation, in its correspondence with the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction of a defunct Subordinate, obtain for the applicant a card, then the card so obtained shall be substituted for the petition to be readmitted as a non-affiliating Odd-Fellow, and be treated as an application for membership by regular deposit of card.

P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the law of this body, passed at the session of 1856—pages 2630 and 2664, Journal—empowering Grand Patriarchs and their deputies to confer the Subordinate Encampment degrees upon the scarlet degree members of a Subordinate Lodge, for the purpose of organizing a new Encampment, *provided no Subordinate Encampment be located within thirty miles of such new Encampment,* is often productive of inconvenience and delay in instituting new Encampments by the Grand Patriarchal jurisdictions, especially on the borders of their territorial limits; and whereas this Grand Lodge has at various times decided that “the time, place, and manner of conferring the subordinate degrees are proper subjects of local legislation;” and whereas the same principle should be applied to the Patriarchal degrees, so that the interests of the Encampment branch of the Order might be promoted, and its area of usefulness extended; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Grand Patriarchs and their duly commissioned special deputies are hereby empowered, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampments respectively, to confer the Subordinate Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of scarlet degree members of a Subordinate Lodge, for the purpose of qualifying them as proper petitioners for a warrant or charter for an Encampment at a place where none exists.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of the petition of recipients of the Degree of Rebekah, residing in the city of Rochester, New York, presented at the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee, with instructions to submit such appropriate legislation as will further the objects of the petitioners.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge be presented to each officer and representative who has not previously received the same.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Chair named the following special committee pursuant to the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, on the subject of the Degree of Rebekah:

Committee on Degree of Rebekah provided for by the resolution of Rep. White, of New York.—Reps. WHITE, FITHIAN, MCLEAN, BAKER, and DANNALS.

The Chair presented the following report from the Committee of Grand Officers on that subject, which, on motion of Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, the elective Grand Officers of your body, appointed under a resolution of Sept. 18, 1867—page 4179 of the Journal—to render effective the resolutions of Sept. 20, 1866, on page 3995 of the Journal of that session, report:

That, in pursuance of the duty with which they have been charged, they made such a rateable distribution and apportionment of the funds placed under their charge amongst the respective Southern jurisdictions interested, as in their judgment, from the best lights within their reach, appeared to be just and equitable.

The amount distributed was \$13,678.95, and was apportioned as follows:

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| Jurisdiction of N. Carolina..... | \$1,212.99 |
| do. Louisiana..... | 1,100.00 |
| do. Georgia..... | 1,100.00 |
| do. Arkansas..... | 1,100.00 |
| do. Texas..... | 1,212.98 |
| do. Mississippi..... | 1,600.00 |
| do. Virginia..... | 1,952.98 |
| do. Florida..... | 600.00 |
| do. Alabama..... | 1,100.00 |
| do. S. Carolina..... | 1,100.00 |
| do Tennessee..... | 1,600.00 |
| Total..... | \$13,678.95 |

The foregoing division of the fund was made on the 27th of November, 1867, and circulars were sent by the undersigned to the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the aforenamed jurisdictions setting forth, in substance, the purposes of the Grand Lodge of the United States as embodied in the resolutions of that body of 1861, a copy of which circular accompanies this report.

The last paragraph of the circular requested the recipients of the fund to report to the undersigned as to the manner of its distribution within their several domains, to the end that the subject matter of the same might be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its present communication. Sufficient causes have, doubtless, prevented a compliance with this request up to the time of the writing of this report, but the undersigned are satisfied that all of the money contributed has been judiciously applied to the purposes contemplated or expressed by the Grand Lodge in the resolutions of 1866.

Since the circular referred to was issued, requesting the principal Grand Officers of the jurisdictions to which it was addressed to draw on the Grand

Secretary for the sum named in the body of the circular, the further sum of \$648.05 has been contributed, out of which has been paid \$5.64 for incidental expenses, leaving at present a balance under the custody of the Grand Treasurer of \$642.41, to be distributed under the direction of the undersigned, or as the Grand Lodge may otherwise determine.

J. P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *Deputy Grand Sire.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Copy of Circular transmitted.

I. O. O. F.

R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES.

Baltimore, November 27th, 1867.

To.....
M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Under a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., donations have been made for the relief of the Southern Jurisdictions of the Order, in the matter of reinaugurating or resuscitating defunct Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and of procuring the proper Lodge and Encampment furniture and appointments, in cases in which such Subordinates are not pecuniarily able to purchase the same.

This fund has been placed under the control of the elective officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States for distribution, and the undersigned, accordingly, in the discharge of the office committed to them, have made such a rateable apportionment of the same, among the several jurisdictions interested, as, in their judgment, from the best light within their reach, appeared to be just and equitable.

You are therefore authorized, in your official capacity, in conjunction with the M. W. G. Patriarch of your jurisdiction, to draw *at three days' sight*, on James L. Ridgely, G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., *under the seal of your Grand Lodge and of the Grand Encampment of your jurisdiction*, for the sum of dollars, which amount, you, in conjunction with the G. Patriarch, will please apply to the purposes above indicated, and in accordance with the spirit of the report of the Legislative Committee of the Grand Lodge, on page 3995 of the Journal of that body of 1866, and of the resolution of the same body, on page 4179 of the Journal of 1867, in such proportions, to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments respectively, as the wants of each Branch of the Order may suggest.

After you shall have disposed of the funds for which you are authorized to draw, you will please make a report to the undersigned as to the manner of distribution, to the end that the subject matter may be submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual communication.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES P. SANDERS, *Grand Sire.*

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *Deputy Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

P. S.—If there be no Grand Encampment in your jurisdiction, all such parts of the foregoing circular communication as refer in any wise to the Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch are inoperative; in such case you will please consult the D. D. Grand Sire of said jurisdiction.

Rep. LADD, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed upon the unfinished business of the last session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge pay a friendly and fraternal visit to Washington Lodge No. 1, the "Common Parent" of all Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, on this evening, the 21st of September, 1868.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for the session be six dollars, and the mileage be five cents per mile, and that the same be computed by the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route shall have the precedence, with the exception that the Representatives from California, Oregon, and Nevada shall be paid mileage according to the routes they were required to travel.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn on Saturday next at 12 o'clock M.

Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, asked for a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution—

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved to strike out "six" dollars and insert "five" dollars, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now being on the adoption of the second resolution—

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the brethren of the Order in the State of Texas have been during the past year visited by a most disastrous tornado, in which the property and effects of the Order in that jurisdiction have been greatly damaged, thus subjecting the Order to financial difficulties and distress, which has also been followed by the visitation of a fatal epidemic, taxing the Order to a large amount for the relief consequent upon the distress and sickness thus brought upon the people, when, added to the disastrous effects caused by the late civil war, requires the adoption of a liberal policy towards that jurisdiction in the settlement of their arrears with this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to make a settlement with the Representatives of that jurisdiction upon such terms as in his judgment would be prudent and liberal in giving that jurisdiction further time for the payment of their indebtedness.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the election of Grand Lodge Officers be fixed for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to take into consideration, and to report at this session on, the expediency of this Grand Lodge appointing a Special Commissioner to visit such Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in the States of Louisiana, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Florida, as may be deemed expedient by the committee, and endeavor to revive an interest in and increase the membership of the Order in those jurisdictions, the expense of the same to be paid by this Grand Lodge, out of any funds in the hands of the treasurer not otherwise appropriated.

The Chair named the following Committee on Unfinished Business:

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. LADD, of Maine; CLARK, of Iowa; ATWOOD, of Connecticut; MORRISON, of Nevada; and SMITH, of Illinois.

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That any State Grand Lodge be and hereby is authorized to confer the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon Past Grands of another State jurisdiction upon the presentation of a visiting card from their own Lodge, and also a certificate executed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction such Past Grands belong, that they are eligible and entitled to the same.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS Rep. L. K. BARBER, of Mississippi, has had the misfortune to lose his copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States by fire; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to furnish him a complete bound copy of the Journal and Digest.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to adopt a uniform style of collar and jewel for Past Grand Patriarchs.

Rep. BARRETT, of Missouri, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and moved the accompanying resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this body submit to the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States the propriety of devising some plan by which *orphans* of deceased brothers can be recognised by the fraternity as

such, and recommended to the care and protection of the Order at large, when removed from the immediate care of the Lodge to which they belong.

In pursuance of these instructions the following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider the matter presented in the above resolution, and report as to the expediency of such legislation as may be necessary to secure the identification, oversight, and protection of the orphans of Odd-Fellows in every land where the Order may be established.

On motion of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, the Grand Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That article xxii of By-Laws be amended by striking out from the fifteenth and sixteenth lines thereof the words "and aprons, either white trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet trimmed with white," so that the sentence will read "Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes."

Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, presented an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That when a financial officer of a Subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts and deliver all moneys, books, and papers belonging to the same over to the Lodge, he cannot, of right, demand a card of clearance, and a Lodge may refuse to grant such card until the brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, presented an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was ordered to be entered upon the Journal:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge be instructed to sustain the proposed amendment to article xiv, section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reducing the Representative tax from seventy-five dollars to fifty dollars.

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to furnish duplicate blank forms for the annual reports from Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That it shall be lawful for each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge to adopt a funeral ceremony, to be used within its jurisdiction, until further action on this subject by this body.

On motion of Rep. WOOLF, of California, it was

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns it adjourn to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening, for the purpose of adopting suitable arrangements for the visitation contemplated to Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland.

Rep. BURTON, of Vermont, presented the appeal of Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, of Vermont, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. CUMMINGS, of Maine, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Maine, which, on his motion, was ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

Resolved, That we regard the pending amendment to the fourteenth article, section two, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as important to the interests of the smaller jurisdictions, and our Grand Representative is therefore instructed to support said amendment.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees, recommend the following :

That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as refers to the semi-centennial anniversary of our Order in the United States be referred to a special committee of five, with instructions to report what action should be taken by this R. W. Grand Body.

That so much as refers to the necessity or propriety of employing the public press as a means of "keeping the Order before the public," &c., be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to dispensations granted during the recess be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as refers to the Order in Australia, with the communication, form of commission, &c., and suggestions of Rep. MEACHAM in regard to cards, &c., be referred to a special committee of three.

That the decisions made by the Grand Sire during the recess, and the subject of balloting for degrees, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the subject of suspended and expelled members, together with

all suggestions and reports heretofore made, and not disposed of in relation thereto, be referred to a special committee of five.

That the correspondence relating to the Southern jurisdictions be referred to the Committee of Correspondence, with instructions to consider well the condition and wants of those Bodies with a view to ascertaining whether any thing further can be done by this R. W. Body to promote the interests of the Order in the South and to report accordingly.

That so much as refers to the Revised Journal be referred to the Committee of Finance.

The committee hold the report of the Grand Secretary for further consideration.

FRED. D. STUART,
H. L. PAGE,
SAMUEL READ.

The hour of three having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned, pursuant to the order to that effect, until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

MONDAY EVENING—half-past seven o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. CHARLES PERKINS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Chair having declared the Lodge open for business—

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD,
Locust Point Station,
Baltimore, September 21, 1868.

*To Jas. L. Ridgely, R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'y
of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed you will find a package of admission tickets to the steamship "Baltimore," of the Baltimore and Bremen Line of Steamships, now at the European Pier, Locust Point, which you will please distribute to the Representatives. It will afford me much pleasure to show them through the steamer.

This line of steamships having been of much interest to the citizens and strangers visiting the city, particularly those from the West and South, I thought it would be such to the Representatives, and as far as I can I will endeavor to make their visit interesting and agreeable.

I have the honor to be yours, in F., L., and T.,

L. F. BULER,
Ag't and P. G. Rep. from West Va.

On motion of Rep. BARNARD, of Alabama, the invitation was accepted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to present the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. BULER.

The special object of the meeting being to pay an official visit to Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, the Lodge was placed in the hands of the R. W. Grand Marshal, who having formed the same in order, conducted the Grand Body to Washington Lodge, No. 1, pursuant to the resolutions adopted to that end.

The visitation having been concluded, the Lodge reassembled, when, on motion, it adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 22, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.
Present:

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| JAMES P. SANDERS..... | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| E. D. FARNSWORTH | R. W. Deputy Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY..... | R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| Rev. CHARLES PERKINS..... | R. W. Grand Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i> |
| JOHN S. HEISS..... | R. W. Grand Marshal. |
| JOHN P. FOSS | R. W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..... | R. W. Grand Messenger. |

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. CHARLES PERKINS, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that a telegraphic despatch was submitted to us, purporting to be from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, informing Bro. P. G. DEXTER GILMORE that he had been appointed to represent that body in the Grand Lodge, vice C. A. MARVIN, resigned. Your committee would, therefore, recommend, as in the case of Bro. P. G. M. S. BURRELL, of Oregon, admitted at the session of 1864, that Bro. P. G. DEXTER GILMORE be admitted to a seat.

H. S. MACK,
F. J. BLAIR,
F. P. BAKER,
J. G. BURTON.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. HARRIS, of Georgia, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary begs leave very respectfully to submit the following supplementary report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September, 1868.

| GRAND LODGES. | Miscellaneous. | Cards. | Books. | Odes. |
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| North Carolina..... | | | | |
| New York..... | | | | |
| New Jersey..... | | \$184 00 | | |
| West Virginia..... | .75 | 150 00 | \$124 50 | \$30 00 |
| Arkansas..... | | | 23 38 | 16 50 |
| Alabama..... | | 30 00 | 46 00 | ..... |
| Tennessee..... | | 100 00 | 181 50 | ..... |
| Pennsylvania..... | | 376 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Vermont..... | | | | |
| Georgia..... | | | 3 00 | ..... |
| Rhode Island..... | | | 12 00 | ..... |
| Connecticut..... | | 20 00 | 4 00 | ..... |
| District of Columbia..... | | 60 00 | 16 00 | 20 00 |
| | .75 | \$920 00 | \$410 38 | \$66 50 |

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September, 1868—continued.

| GRAND LODGES. | Diplomas. | Rep. Tax. | Total. |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| North Carolina..... | ..... | \$75 00 | \$75 00 |
| New York..... | ..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| New Jersey..... | ..... | ..... | 184 00 |
| West Virginia..... | \$6 00 | 150 00 | 461 25 |
| Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... | 39 88 |
| Alabama..... | ..... | 75 00 | 151 00 |
| Tennessee..... | ..... | 150 00 | 431 50 |
| Pennsylvania..... | ..... | ..... | 376 00 |
| Vermont..... | ..... | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| Georgia..... | ..... | 150 00 | 153 00 |
| Rhode Island..... | 25 00 | 75 00 | 112 00 |
| Connecticut..... | 10 00 | ..... | 34 00 |
| District of Columbia..... | ..... | 150 00 | 246 00 |
| | \$41 00 | \$1,050 00 | \$2,488 63 |

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close
of the Annual Report, up to and including September, 1868.

| GRAND ENCAMPMENTS. | Miscellaneous. | Balance. | Cards. | Books. | Rep. Tax. | Total. |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Maine..... | \$12 00 | | | \$ 38 00 | \$ 75 80 | \$125 00 |
| Tennessee..... | 39 | \$20 00 | | 110 00 | 75 00 | 205 39 |
| New Jersey..... | 50 | | | 9 00 | | 9 50 |
| New York..... | | | | | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Pennsylvania..... | | | | 36 00 | | 36 00 |
| Dis. of Columbia..... | | | 5 00 | 13 00 | 75 00 | 93 00 |
| Rhode Island | | | | | 75 00 | 75 00 |
| | 89 | \$12 00 | \$25 00 | \$206 00 | \$450 00 | \$693 89 |

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close
of the Annual Report, up to and including September, 1868.

| | Dues. | Books. | Cards. | Diplomas. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Charles Betz, of Pennsylvania..... | | | | \$150 | \$150 00 |
| Wm. M. Hubbell, of Ohio..... | | \$3 50 | | | 3 50 |
| Colorado Encampment, No. 1..... | \$12 80 | | \$19 69 | | 32 49 |
| Denver Encampment, No. 2..... | 20 20 | | | | 20 20 |
| Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vt..... | 3 00 | | | | 3 00 |
| Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3.. | 53 | | | | 53 |
| Minnesota Encampment, No. 1..... | 20 83 | | | | 20 83 |
| Rochester Encampment, No. 2..... | 32 10 | | | | 32 10 |
| Nocalet Encampment, No. 3..... | 20 67 | | | | 20 67 |
| Ancilla Encampment, No. 2..... | 9 25 | | | | 9 25 |
| Union Encampment, No. 1..... | 10 55 | | | | 10 55 |
| Frontier Encampment, No. 2..... | 13 26 | | | | 13 26 |
| Harmony Encampment, No. 3..... | 11 36 | | | | 11 36 |
| | 154 55 | \$3 50 | \$19 69 | \$150 | \$327 74 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

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| Cards..... | Statement..... | \$7,737 60 | |
| | Supplementary..... | 964 69 | |
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| Books..... | Statement..... | 6,846 69 | \$8,702 29 |
| | Supplementary..... | 619 88 | |
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| Representative Tax..... | Statement..... | 6,525 00 | 7,466 57 |
| | Supplementary..... | 1,500 00 | |
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| Balance..... | Statement..... | 828 84 | 8,025 00 |
| | Supplementary..... | 12 00 | |
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| Odes..... | Statement..... | 1,311 60 | 840 84 |
| | Supplementary..... | 66 50 | |
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| Diplomas..... | Statement..... | 2,104 00 | 1,377 10 |
| | Supplementary..... | 191 00 | |
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| Dues..... | Statement..... | 420 24 | 2,295 00 |
| | Supplementary..... | 154 55 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Charters..... | Statement..... | 120 00 | 574 79 |
| | | | 120 00 |
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| Miscellaneous..... | Statement..... | 226 63 | 228 27 |
| | Supplementary..... | 1 64 | |
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| | | | \$29,630 86 |

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'y,*

Baltimore, September 22, 1868.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which, on motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year commencing on the 17th of September, 1867, and ending on the 21st of September, inclusive, 1868, exhibiting the receipts and disbursements for said year, and the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1867. Sept. 17. To cash balance this date, as per the report of the Committee of Finance, pages 4179-80 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge, session of 1867. | \$20,312 21 |
| " Nov. 16. To six months' interest, in gold, on \$8,000 of U. States Bonds..... | 240 00 |
| " " " To premium on the above, in currency, at 40 per cent..... | 96 00 |
| 1868. Jan. 16. To six months' interest, in gold, on \$2,000 of U. States Bonds | 60 00 |
| " " " To premium on the above, in currency, at 39 per cent..... | 23 40 |

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| 1868. June 11. | To six months' interest on \$8,000 of U. States Bonds, in gold..... | \$240 00 |
| " " " | To premium on the above, in currency, at 39½ per cent..... | 95 40 |
| " Aug. 11. | To six months' interest on \$2,000 of U. States Bonds, in gold..... | 60 00 |
| " " " | To premium on the above, in currency, at 45½ per cent..... | 27 30 |
| | To cash from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from September 17, 1867, to September 21, 1868, both inclusive..... | 29,630 86 |
| | Total | \$50,785 17 |

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1867. Sept. 21. | By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1867, as per vouchers herewith submitted, numbered from 2 to 115, both inclusive, and as per report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, on page 4206, Journal of the Grand Lodge of 1867..... | \$14,776 20 |
| 1867. Sept. 20. | No. 1. New York Times, advertising for proposals for printing | 66 00 |
| " " " | 24. No. 116. James Young, for services at meeting of Grand Lodge at session of 1867 | 54 60 |
| " " " | No. 117. James Young, printing Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports..... | 347 47 |
| " " " | 26. No. 118. S. H. Lewyt, for services rendered at session of Grand Lodge at New York. | 50 00 |
| " " " | 28. No. 119. Freight on desks from N. York to Baltimore..... | 58 50 |
| " " " | No. 120. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, postage, freight, &c..... | 97 62 |
| " " " | No. 121. Thomas Harryman, hauling desks and chests, &c..... | 15 00 |
| " " " | 27. No. 122. John Medole, printing Daily Journal at New York..... | 399 75 |
| " Oct. 3. | No. 123. Cox Brothers & Co., brokers, for \$2,000 in United States 5-20 Coupon Consol Bonds of 1865, numbered respectively 40,795 and 40,796, at 7½ per cent. premium..... | 2,155 00 |
| " " " | No. 124. Safe Deposit Co. of Baltimore, for deposit of, and guaranteeing the safe keeping of \$12,000 U. States Bonds held by Grand Lodge United States. | 9 00 |
| " " " | 15. No. 125. F. A. Ellis, Grand Representative, for making Index of Journal of Grand Lodge, and also making a Digest... | 300 00 |
| " " " | 22. No. 126. James Young, printing Charge and Degree Books, &c..... | 663 25 |
| " " " | No. 127, John Medole, printing Daily Journal at New York | 84 66 |
| " Nov. 5. | No. 128. Insurance of Grand Lodge Furniture to 10th Nov., 1868..... | 11 05 |
| " " " | No. 129. Kelly, Piet & Co., for check book..... | 1 50 |
| " " " | 9. No. 130. E. Sandys, on account of printing cards, | 200 00 |

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| 1867. | Dec. | 2. | No. 131. Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' services..... | \$500 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 132. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months salary..... | 350 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 132. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for packing cases, postage, &c..... | 96 86 |
| " | " | 10. | No. 133. E. Sandys, for printing cards..... | 200 00 |
| " | " | 14. | No. 134. Jas. Young, on account of printing Revised Journal..... | 1,000 00 |
| 1868. | Jan. | 3. | No. 134. Jas. Young, on account of printing Revised Journal..... | 559 59 |
| " | " | 11. | No. 135. R. M. Swander, engrossing testimonial. | 25 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 136. E. Sandys, on account of printing cards, | 200 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 137. W. H. Dougal, for re-cutting card plate. | 45 00 |
| " | Feb. | 4. | No. 138. J. Van Tromp, testimonial for G. Rep. F. D. Stuart..... | 200 00 |
| " | " | 5. | No. 134. Jas Young, balance on account printing Revised Journal..... | 900 00 |
| " | " | 13. | No. 139. G. F. Lewis, for printing diplomas.... | 153 75 |
| " | " | 15. | No. 140. Oliver & Marquadt, for gilt frames.... | 9 50 |
| " | " | 28. | No. 141. Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' services..... | 500 00 |
| " | " | 29. | No. 142. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months' services..... | 350 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 142. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for postage, freight, &c..... | 42 17 |
| " | Mar. | 7. | By this sum transferred to the Southern Relief Fund, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, session of 1866, page 4014 of the Journal..... | 1,000 00 |
| " | " | 14. | No. 143. E. Sandys, on account of printing cards, | 200 00 |
| " | April 22. | No. 144. | F. A. Ellis, for Indexing Journal..... | 100 00 |
| " | " | 24. | No. 145. G. F. Lewis, for printing certificates, &c. | 67 75 |
| " | May 7. | No. 146. | W. H. Dougal, steel-plate engravings for Journal..... | 400 00 |
| " | " | 15. | No. 147. E. Sandys, balance on account of printing cards..... | 59 00 |
| " | June 1. | No. 148. | Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' services..... | 500 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 149. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months' services..... | 350 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 149. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for express freight, postage, &c..... | 74 34 |
| " | " | 8. | No. 150. R. M. Swander, preparing charter for Australia..... | 40 00 |
| " | " | 11. | No. 151. Jas. Young, for printing books, odes, &c. | 1,264 71 |
| " | " | 15. | No. 152. G. C. Eichbaum, for portrait of P. G. Sire I. M. Veitch..... | 179 00 |
| " | July 8. | No. 153. | Paul & Lindsay, for binding fifth volume of Journal..... | 300 00 |
| " | " | 14. | No. 154. G. F. Lewis, for printing diplomas, &c.. | 102 50 |
| " | Aug. 14. | No. 155. | G. F. Lewis, for printing diplomas, &c.. | 102 50 |
| " | " | 22. | No. 156. A. M. King's draft returned unpaid..... | 41 06 |
| " | " | " | No. 156. Cost of protest on the above..... | 1 56 |
| " | Sept. 1. | No. 157. | G. F. Lewis, for printing diplomas, &c.. | 67 75 |
| " | " | " | No. 158. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months' salary..... | 350 00 |
| " | " | " | No. 158. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for freight, postage, &c..... | 35 67 |

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| 1863. Sept. 7. No. 159. | Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for three months' services | \$500 00 |
| " " 8. No. 160. | E. Sandys, for printing cards..... | 200 00 |
| " " 12. No. 161. | Grand Lodge of Maryland, for rent of Grand Secretary's room, &c..... | 275 00 |
| " " " No. 162. | J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery..... | 191 15 |
| " " 17. No. 163. | W. Wales & Co., for advertising for proposals for printing Daily Journal... | 25 20 |
| " " 18. No. 164. | Charles Sachse, for making walnut desks and chairs..... | 272 10 |
| " " 19. No. 165. | James Young, for charge and installation books..... | 158 50 |
| " " " No. 166. | J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for stamps and postage..... | 5 09 |
| " " " No. 166. | J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for twelve months' salary..... | 400 00 |
| | | _____ |
| | Total disbursements..... | \$31,684 35 |
| | Cash balance | 19,100 82 |
| | | _____ |
| | | \$50,785 17 |

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE, VIZ:

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| Cash balance as above..... | \$19,100 82 |
| Four U. States 5-20 Registered Bonds of \$1,000 each, par value. | 4,000 00 |
| Six U. States 5-20 Coupon Bonds of \$1,000 each, par value..... | 6,000 00 |
| Note of Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated June 9, 1866, payable one day after date, for..... | 150 00 |
| Note of Grand Encampment of Georgia, dated June 8, 1866, payable one day after date | 75 00 |
| Note of Grand Encampment of South Carolina..... | 75 00 |
| | _____ |
| Gross assets..... | 29,400 82 |

From the tabular statement of receipts and expenditures, it will be perceived that the revenue for the year from the ordinary sources, to wit, from sales of supplies and Representative tax, was \$29,630.86. From this, however, should be deducted the sum of \$41.06, on account of a draft having been returned unpaid and protested for non-acceptance, which leaves the amount received for supplies and tax \$29,589.86. The amount received in the year from interest on United States Bonds converted into currency was \$842.10. The receipts of the year from sales of supplies and from Representative tax exceeded those of the preceding year from the same sources in the sum of \$1,041.97.

The expenses of the year, *exclusive* of mileage and per diem paid to Grand Representatives at the Session of 1867, the investment of \$2,155 in United States Bonds, the application of \$1,000 donated to the relief of certain Southern jurisdictions, and the return of the protested draft referred to in the foregoing paragraph, were \$13,710.53, being \$1,896.59 in excess of the expenses of the preceding year. Add to the foregoing annual expense the sum paid for mileage and per diem, to wit, \$14,776.20, and the ordinary expenses for the year will appear to have been \$28,486.73, or \$1,945.23 less than the gross revenue.

In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, I purchased on the 3d of October, 1867, two United States 5-20 Coupon Consol Bonds of \$1,000 each, numbered, respectively, 40,795 and 40,796, at $7\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. premium, amounting to \$2,155. The resolution of the Grand Lodge clothed me with the authority to invest from two to five thousand dollars, at my discretion, but after having purchased the bonds referred to, and reserving one thousand dollars to pay the donation for Southern relief, there remained but nineteen hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents to the

credit of the Grand Lodge, whilst accounts which would soon thereafter be rendered for printing the Revised Journal, and for other matters, would absorb an amount equal to double that balance. Hence I did not deem it prudent to invest any other than the minimum amount named in the resolution. The sequel proved that my caution was not ill-timed, for at various times up to the 15th June, 1868, the Grand Lodge account was overdrawn.

The Grand Lodge is possessed of United States bonds of the par value of ten thousand dollars, in addition to two thousand dollars of the same securities belonging to the Wildey Monument fund. Six thousand dollars of these are coupon bonds, and if lost or stolen might be converted by any holder thereof into gold or currency. Up to the 3d of October, 1867, all of the bonds were placed in a tin box, with the corporate name of the Grand Lodge painted thereon, and were deposited in the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, where the account of the Lodge is kept, for safe keeping. A safe deposit company having about that time been inaugurated, and for reasons, believed by the banking institutions to be sufficient, the depositors of boxes for safe keeping in the banks were requested to withdraw the same. Under this condition of things, in that connection, I did not deem it prudent or expedient to keep the bonds on my own premises, and I therefore deposited the same in the "Safe Deposite Company of Baltimore," which company guarantees the safe keeping of all property deposited with it, and where the bonds now are, for which I hold the certificate of the company.

In the annual report of 1867 I classed among the other assets of the Grand Lodge a note of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina for one hundred and fifty dollars.

This note should not have been thus classed, for upon an examination of the Journal of 1866, made only since the session of 1867, I perceived, for the first time, that the Grand Lodge cancelled this obligation; hence it is not included in the present report as among the assets of this body, and will be returned to the Grand Representative from South Carolina, who is in attendance at the present session, to be placed by him in the possession of the Grand Body he represents.

REPORT ON WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT.

I herewith submit also an annual statement of the Wildey Monument Fund and account.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1867. Sept. 17. | To cash balance..... | \$360 26 |
| " Nov. 6. | To six months' interest, in gold, on \$2,000 United States Bonds..... | 60 00 |
| " " " | To premium on the above, in currency, at 40 per cent..... | 24 00 |
| 1868. June 11. | To six months' interest, in gold, on \$2,000 United States Bonds..... | 60 00 |
| " " " | To premium on the above, in currency, at 39½ per cent..... | 23 85 |
| | Total..... | \$528 11 |

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1868. July 2. | No. 1. By amount paid J. F. Schweitzer for twelve months' services in taking care of the Wildey Monument..... | \$50 00 |
| " " 10. | No. 2. A. J. Kone, for painting monument..... | 10 00 |
| | Total..... | 60 00 |
| 1868. Sept. 22. | Cash balance..... | 468 11 |
| | | \$528 11 |

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ASSETS OF WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

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|---|------------|
| Cash balance as above..... | \$468 11 |
| U. States 5-20 Registered Bonds, par value..... | 2,000 00 |
| Gross..... | \$2,468 11 |

The revenue which will accrue on the U. States Bonds will be sufficient to keep the monument in proper condition, and to make in time, by accumulation of interest, such improvements about it as may be deemed necessary for ornament and protection.

FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF CERTAIN SOUTHERN JURISDICTIONS.

I herewith submit also a report in relation to the fund for the relief of certain Southern jurisdictions, contributed by State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, September 20, 1866, page 3996 of the Revised Journal of that year, embracing also the partial distribution of said fund by the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, according to the instructions contained in the resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted at September session, 1867, page 4179 of the Revised Journal.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1867. Sept. 17. To this amount in hands of Grand Treasurer, as per his report of 1867, page 4143 of the Journal, and per the report of the Finance Committee of that year, page 4179 of the Journal. | \$11,195 00 |
| To amount received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely from September 17, 1867, to September 21, inclusive, 1868..... | 2,132 00 |
| 1868. March 7. To this sum transferred from the funds of the Grand Lodge, according to the resolution of that body of 1866, page 4014 of the Journal of that year..... | 1,000 00 |
| Total..... | \$14,327 00 |

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

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| 1867. Dec. 14. No. 1. By distribution to jurisdiction of North Carolina..... | \$1,212 99 |
| " " 24. No. 2. By distribution to jurisdiction of Louisiana | 1,100 00 |
| " " 31. No. 3. " " Georgia.. | 1,100 00 |
| 1868. Jan. 7. No. 4. " " Arkansas | 1,100 00 |
| " " 10. No. 5. " " Texas... | 1,212 98 |
| " " 24. No. 6. " " Mississip. | 1,600 00 |
| " " 24. No. 7. By cost of protest on draft of jurisdiction of Mississippi, in consequence of the absence from Baltimore of the R. W. Grand Secretary..... | 2 28 |
| " Feb. 17. No. 8. By distribution to jurisdiction of Virginia. | 1,952 98 |
| " " 18. No. 9. " " Florida.. | 600 00 |
| " Mar. 14. No. 10. " " Alabama. | 1,100 00 |
| " April 3. No. 11. " " S. Carol'a | 1,100 00 |
| " May 26. No. 12. " " Tenness'e | 1,600 00 |
| " Sept. 19. No. 13. J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for stamps on drafts, checks and receipts..... | 3 36 |
| Cash balance to the credit of the fund..... | \$13,684 59 |
| | 642 41 |
| | \$14,327 00 |
| Balance brought down..... | \$42 41 |

The above balance was from donations received after the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States had, in November, 1867, apportioned the funds in hand among the several Southern jurisdictions, and had sent out circulars requesting such jurisdictions to draw on the Grand Secretary for the sums respectively apportioned.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair named the following committees, pursuant to the recommendation of the special committee on the M. W. Grand Sire's report:

Committee on National Jubilee, referred to in Grand Sire's Report.—P. G. Sires KENNEDY, NICHOLSON; Reps. FORD, of Massachusetts; LOGAN, of Kansas; and SMILEY, of Tennessee.

Committee on Australia Matters.—P. G. Sire VEITCH; Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; and FITZHUGH, of Virginia.

Committee on Matters of Suspended and Expelled Members.—Reps. HILLS, of Wisconsin; RUSHA, of Louisiana; CUMMINGS, of Maine; HARRIS, of Georgia; and CLARK, of Iowa.

Committee as to Public Press.—Reps. VENABLE, of Kentucky; ELLIS, of Maryland; and HAVENNER, of District of Columbia.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, of Vermont, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, that a withdrawal card be delivered to Bro. F. R. ALLEN, respectfully report:

That said appeal lacks almost every requirement prescribed by the Grand Lodge. It has been taken to this body without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. (Journal 3062, 3110, 3124.) It has not been printed. (Journal 1127, 2493, 2499, 2521.) It has not been duly certified. (Journal 3496, 3532, 3533.) Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge declines to entertain said appeal.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOHN W. CARTER,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, adopted May, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, adopted February, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, adopted August, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Australia, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions have examined certain amendments referred to them from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, adopted at its annual session of 1864, and recommend their adoption, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. LADD, of Maine, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, on examination of the Journal of 1867, find the following, requiring your consideration at this session:

Report of special committee on suspensions and expulsions for non-payment of dues, page 4189, postponed to this session, page 4203.

Amendments to Constitution found on pages 4132, 4136, 4192, 4199, 4200, 4204, 4212, 4215.

Respectfully submitted.

C. K. LADD,
J. C. SMITH,
GEO. H. MORRISON,
J. ATWOOD.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of permitting Lodges which do not confer degrees to ballot upon application for degrees without closing in the initiatory and opening in the degree to be balloted for.

Rep. McCARTY, of Indiana, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS a decision of the Grand Sire, made at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, forbids the initiation of a person who has lost an arm, and believing that such decision, though honestly entertained and made, is nevertheless opposed to the spirit and design of the Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence and vote for a reversal of that decision.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, presented the the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama held in the city of Mobile on the 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th of February, 1868, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representative of this Grand Lodge shall use his efforts to secure the passage of a law repealing that which forbids the initiation of a man because he has lost *an arm*.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following, which was adopted, and referred accordingly:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report whether a brother who has not received the fifth degree can hold an appointed office in a Subordinate Lodge.

The Chair presented the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS from causes over which we have had no control, the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in the State of Vermont has been on the decline for several years, and no efforts on our part seem effectual to check its downward tendency to what must be its final extinction, unless some more efficient means be resorted to, and whereas we have full confidence that if we had some one to take hold of the work who had the time and interest of the Order at heart he could do much toward reviving the Order in our State:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont respectfully petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to appoint a Commissioner at its next session to come into this jurisdiction and assist in making an effort to revive our beloved Order.

Resolved, That our Representative be requested to present this resolution to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, and that the Grand Secretary forward a copy to the M. W. Grand Sire immediately after the adjournment.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS a resolution was passed by this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1862 (Journal, page 1921, 1856) granting permission to brothers who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims to be readmitted by initiation, and the same having worked to the disadvantage of the good of the Order in the State of Louisiana; therefore,

Resolved, That all applications made to Subordinate Lodges, by brothers who cannot identify themselves with the Order, before being balloted for, the Secretary shall communicate with the Grand Lodge of the State in which the brother last held membership for information of his good standing in the Order; after a reasonable delay, should there be no reply, the applicant may be balloted for, and, if elected, be readmitted in the Order by initiation.

The hour of ten, fixed by special order for election of Grand Officers, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The following nominations were made for the office of M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pa. D. G. S. E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tenn.
By Rep. STRONG, of Minn. P. D. G. S. H. L. PAGE, of Wis.
By Rep. MAURO, of Mo. P. D. G. S. E. D. FITZHUGH, of Va.

The nominations having been closed, the Chair appointed Reps. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, and RUSSELL, of New York, as tellers.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, asked and obtained leave to decline the nomination for M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wisconsin, as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that ninety-seven ballots had been polled, all of which had

been cast for Deputy Grand Sire E. D. FARNSWORTH, whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire announced that R. W. Deputy Grand Sire E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, was the duly elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election for R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. TERWILLIGER, of N. Y.....P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas.
 By Rep. DENNIS, of Mich.....P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of N. H.
 By Rep. DRISCOL, of R. I.....P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pa.
 By Rep. McCARTY, of Ind.....P. D. G. S. H. L. PAGE, of Wis.
 By Rep. READ, of N. J.....P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of D. of C.
 By Rep. THAYER, of S. C.....P. G. M. R. A. LAMBERTON, of Pa.
 By Rep. SHIELDS, of Ala.....P. G. P. D. FITHIAN, of Ohio.

Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, and FITHIAN, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to decline the nomination.

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and six ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, had received..... | 26 |
| P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of N. H. “ | 16 |
| P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pa. “ | 10 |
| P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wis. “ | 21 |
| P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of D. of C. “ | 32 |
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| Total..... | 106 |

And that no election had been had—whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and four ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, had received..... | 21 |
| P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of N. H. “ | 13 |
| P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pa. “ | 5 |
| P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wis. “ | 29 |
| P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of D. of C. “ | 36 |
| Total..... | 104 |

And that no election had been had—whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and six ballots had been cast, of which number—

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| P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, had received..... | 19 |
| P. G. M. JOSEPH KIDDER, of N. H. " | 8 |
| P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pa. " | 5 |
| P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wis. " | 22 |
| P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of D. of C. " | 52 |
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| Total..... | 106 |

And that no election had been had—whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. DENNIS, of Michigan, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. KIDDER, of New Hampshire.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and two ballots had been polled, of which number—

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| P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, had received..... | 21 |
| P. D. G. Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wis. " | 23 |
| P. G. M. F. D. STUART, of D. of C. " | 58 |
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| Total..... | 102 |

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that P. G. M. FRED. D. STUART, of District of Columbia, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly chosen R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election for Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pa.....P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Md.

The nominations having been closed, and the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that fifty-six ballots had been polled, all of which had been cast for P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, was the duly chosen R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. LEECH, of Iowa.....P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Md.

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that forty-two ballots

had been cast, all of which had been polled for P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, was the duly chosen R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the petition of Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, Wyoming Territory, working immediately under this body, asking to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado Territory, beg leave to report that upon investigation it appears that the petitioner is the only organized Lodge of the Order in Wyoming, and that it is the wish of the Order in Colorado to take charge of the same. They, therefore, submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado Territory be extended over the Territory of Wyoming, and all Lodges and Encampments therein, until such time as the last named Territory shall desire the organization of a Grand Body for said Territory, reserving to the Order in Wyoming the right to be organized into a separate Grand Body without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HERR, of Illinois, in reference to "not conferring the degree of Rebekah upon a widow who was not the wife of an Odd-Fellow of the scarlet degree," respectfully report that, since the reference of the above resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, a special committee has been appointed, upon motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, to whom the whole subject relating to that degree has been referred. The committee, therefore, would recommend that the resolution of Rep. HERR, of Illinois, be referred to that committee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Stuart Encampment, No. . . ., of Pictou, Nova Scotia, adopted 1868, have carefully examined the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Stuart Encampment, No. . . ., above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Oasis Encampment, No. 5, of the State of Vermont, adopted April, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Oasis Encampment, No. 5, of Vermont, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the government of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, adopted September, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend their approval, save that which refers to honorary members, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, above referred to, be approved, save that portion relating to honorary members, there being no such rank known in the Order.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, adopted May, 1868, have examined the same and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the R. W. Grand of Mississippi, adopted at its annual session, 1868, have considered the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, above mentioned, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, adopted at its special session, 1868, have examined the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, adopted January session, 1868, have considered the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
SAMUEL READ,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the subject of granting a dispensation during the recess to organize Encampment No. 4, to be located at Brantford, in the Province of Ontario, have examined the papers accompanying the petition, and find a full compliance with the law governing such cases. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action had in the premises herein be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the dispensation granted during the recess to organize Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona Territory, have examined the same, and find the application in due form of law, accompanied by the proper withdrawal cards required in such cases. Therefore we offer for adoption the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the action had in granting the above dispensation be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the dispensation granted during the recess to organize Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Brattleboro, Vermont, have examined the petition and accompanying papers, and, finding them in all respects in conformity with law, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action had in the premises be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the dispensation granted during the recess to organize the Grand Lodge of Colorado, at Denver city, in Colorado Territory, have examined the papers relating thereto, and find the same in due form as provided by the laws of the Order. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action had in the premises be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the dispensation granted during the recess to organize Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, to be located at Cheyenne, Dakota Territory, have examined the same, and find the application in due form of law, accompanied by the proper cards of withdrawal required in such cases. We, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action had in the recess in the granting the above dispensation be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

The Chair named the following committee:

Committee on Resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, page 4326.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; LEECH, of Iowa; JOHNSON, of Massachusetts; SLOAN, of Missouri; OAKES, of Michigan.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the Lodge agreed to take up the following amendment to the Constitution, page 4132, Journal last session:

Resolved, That Article XIV., Section 2, of the Constitution of this Grand Body be amended by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "fifty."

Which being under consideration—

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, moved to defer the further consideration of the subject until after the report of the Grand Treasurer shall have appeared upon the Journal, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution under consideration, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

Yea.—Reps. Baird, Baker, Barnard, Clark of North Carolina, Cummings, Damon, Dennis, Driscoll, Duvall, Ellis, Escavaille, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Hastings, Haynie, Hacker, Hills, Kingsbury, Ladd, Latham, McAfee, Martin, Mayes, Oakes, Page, Richardson, (2 votes,) Robinson, Shields, Sloan, Smith of West Virginia, Strong, Thayer, Woodyatt—34.

Nays.—Reps. Adams, Atwood, Bailey, Bancroft, Barber, Barrett, Barron, Blair, Botsford, Bristow, Burns, Burton, Carter, Clark of Iowa, Cohen, Daniels, Davis, Dowdall, Dowden, Durham, Evans, Fithian, Force, Ford, Foulk, Funk, Garwood, Glenn, Gunnison, Harris of Connecticut, Harris of Georgia, Havener, Haupt, Hayden, Hide, Homes, Horn, Johnson, Lamberton, Leech, McCarty, McConnell, McLean, Mack, Maris, Mauro, Miller, Morrison, Nungesser, Ransom, Read, (2 votes,) Ross, Rusha, Russell, Simpson, Smiley, Sprague, Spring, Stokes, Stuart, Terwilliger, (2 votes,) Tuley, Venable, Viele, White, Woolf—68.

Rep. SMILEY, of Tennessee, presented an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, presented an appeal from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. STUART, of the District of Columbia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of disposing of the several matters therein referred to, recommend the following:

That the course pursued by the R. W. Grand Secretary in regard to the third resolution, in the series named by him, be approved, and that the subject be referred to a committee of five, with instructions to report as suggested by the Grand Secretary.

That the Grand Secretary be requested to call the attention of the officers of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina to its indebtedness to this R. W. Grand Body, and to the tenth resolution passed at the last session.

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, the subject of modifying the forms of returns, so as to "avoid the return of the names of expelled and suspended members for publication," be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That the course pursued by the Grand Secretary in reference to the Revised Journal for 1863-4-5-6-7 be approved, and that the Committee on Finance be authorized to provide for the payment of the bills incurred in connection with the preparation and publication thereof.

FRED. D. STUART,
H. L. PAGE,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, In view of the approaching celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship on this continent, and in view of the great prominence of the Order as a charitable organization; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of providing some suitable design for an Odd-Fellows' Flag or Banner, which shall represent the distinctive features of the Order in colors and emblemis, and be made of such material that all the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments can procure them upon reasonable terms.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was agreed to.

The Chair named as the special committee provided for by the resolution, Reps. FORD, of Massachusetts, STUART, of District of Columbia, and ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland.

Rep. TULEY, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, was referred to the Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, from the report of the R.W. Grand Treasurer, it is shown that there is quite a surplus of funds on hand, and that the increase of the means have been in a great measure by the sale of supplies; therefore,

Resolved, That the cost of supplies be reduced to the Subordinates twenty-five per cent. from the present rates.

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he hereby is authorized to prepare and countersign, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a sufficient supply of visiting cards suitable for the sisters of the daughters of Rebekah.

On motion of Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, the Lodge agreed to take up question No. 10, page 3862 Journal, which, being under consideration, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, having considered the proposals submitted to them for printing the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of the Session of 1868, respectfully report that to P. G. Rep. JAMES YOUNG, of Baltimore, has been awarded the aforesaid printing, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That the R.W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract with JAMES YOUNG for printing

the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of the present Session, in accordance with the proposal herewith submitted, and endorsed "Adopted."

Resolved, That the quality of paper marked "Accepted by Committee," weighing fifty pounds per ream, costing eighteen and a half cents per pound, be used in the printing.

WM. R. McLEAN,
J. B. GLENN,
WM. H. FOULK,
JAS. WOODYATT,
ISAAC H. DUVALL.

Rep. SLOAN, of Missouri, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, presented the following petition of LYMAN T. MOORE, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

*To the Grand Lodge of the United States of the
Independent Order of Odd-Fellows:*

The petition of the undersigned, being a member of Lawton Lodge, No. 83, and also a member of Monitor Encampment, No. 16, located in the village of Lawton, in the State of Michigan, and working under charters from the regular State authorities, most humbly sheweth that the undersigned has designed and got up, and caused to be lithographed, a symbolical chart and certificate of membership for the use of the Order, a copy of which is herewith transmitted. The undersigned prays that the Grand Lodge of the United States will examine the chart, consider this petition, and allow to your petitioner the right to attach the seal of the United States Grand Lodge to this certificate by paying to the Grand Lodge such royalty as they in their wisdom may determine. And your petitioner will ever pray.

LYMAN T. MOORE.

Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire into the propriety of requiring Subordinate Lodges to perform all the work when opened in the fifth or scarlet degree, instead of the initiatory degree, as at present, in like manner as Encampments perform the work of that branch of the Order when opened in their highest degree.

Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire and report whether, under the existing law, a brother who is without a withdrawal card, or has lost it, and is not able to give the travelling password, and testifies that he cannot obtain a certificate giving evidence of his membership, but yet is able to prove himself in the secret work of the Order, thereby satisfying the Lodge as an Ancient Odd-Fellow, or whether he should be reinitiated as the only means of regaining membership in the Order.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be discharged from the consideration of the resolution offered by Rep. HILLS, relative to preparation of visiting cards for the daughters of Rebekah, and that the same be referred to the special committee on the subject of the degree of Rebekah.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The R. W. Grand Encampment, of the State of Louisiana, in behalf of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of New Orleans, respectfully prays that this R. W. Grand Lodge will issue a duplicate charter for said Encampment, they having lost their charter by the burning of the Grand Lodge hall in New Orleans, July, 1866—the original having been issued by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session for the exemplification of the work and the transaction of any proper business to-morrow, immediately after the noon recess.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, moved that the Lodge take up for consideration the following resolutions, to be found on page 4214 Journal of 1867:

Resolved, That a Lodge is obliged to accept the care of a sick brother, member of another Lodge, on his application to them for watchers.

Resolved, That when a Lodge accepts the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, its members are under the same obligations to watch with him as though the sick brother was a member of their Lodge, and are subject to the same penalties.

The question being on the motion to take up the resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolutions being under consideration—

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the subject was postponed until to-morrow.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to forward to each member of this Grand Lodge the balance of the reports and daily Journals to which they are entitled under resolutions passed at this session.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave to be excused from service on the special committee of three, on that part of the M. W. Grand Sire's report which relates to the public press.

Rep. FORCE, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the special committee already raised on that subject:

Resolved, That in all future editions of the Revised Journal the names of brothers who have been *suspended* be omitted; the list of *expulsions* only to be published.

The hour of three having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, pursuant to the special order to that effect.

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.
Present:

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| E. D. FARNSWORTH..... | R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY..... | R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| REV. CHARLES PERKINS..... | R. W. Grand Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i> |
| JOHN S. HEISS..... | R. W. Grand Marshal. |
| JOHN P. FOSS..... | R. W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..... | R. W. Grand Messenger. |

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. CHAS. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

The Chair stated that he regretted to inform the Lodge that the M. W. Grand Sire was detained from the Lodge in consequence of severe indisposition.

On motion of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of P. G. Sire VERTCH, (page 4320,) having fully considered the same, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the purpose of securing, as far as practicable, a uniform operation of the general principles of the law of 1865 referred to, all jurisdictions to whom its privileges have been or may hereafter be granted are hereby required to incorporate into their local law, on the subject of readmitting non-affiliating members of the Order, the following directions to their Subordinates, viz:

I. Any Odd-Fellow residing in a jurisdiction other than that in which he was formerly a member of the Order, and who has lost connection therewith either by suspension for the non-payment of dues for at least three years in an existing Subordinate, or by reason of his Subordinate becoming extinct, and who has not been able to get a card from the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction in which such Subordinate was located, may apply for reinstatement to a Subordinate by petition setting forth:

1st. His full name, age, occupation, residence—name, number, and location of the Subordinate of which he claims to have been a member—his rank in the Order, condition of his health, and the names of two or more respectable persons for reference as to moral character.

2d. If the petitioner has been suspended for the non-payment of dues he shall state that he has been suspended for that cause only, and for a period of at least three years.

3d. If he was formerly a member of a Subordinate which has ceased to exist, he shall so state, and also that he has used due diligence in endeavoring to obtain a card from the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction under which the Subordinate formerly existed, and that they refused to issue to him a card; and the applicant shall also state when and to whom he applied for such a card.

II. When a petition, in accordance with the above, has been presented to a Subordinate, it shall be referred to a committee, as in the case of other applications for membership, which committee shall investigate the matter:

1st. By ascertaining that the petitioner does reside in the limits of the jurisdiction.

2d. By corresponding with the Subordinate of which the applicant claims to have been a member, if such Subordinate is in existence, and ascertain if the petitioner has been suspended therein for the non-payment of dues for at least three years, and that there are no other charges against him.

3d. If the Subordinate has ceased to exist, then the committee shall correspond with the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction under which the Subordinate formerly existed, and ascertain if the petitioner was a member thereof, and also whether he had applied for and had been refused a card by such Grand Officers, and the reason for such refusal.

III. 1st. The committee of investigation shall make report of all the facts in the case, with such information as they may have obtained in the investigation of the matter.

2d. If it is found that the applicant is eligible, as to the *cause and time* of his suspension, or that his Subordinate being extinct and the Grand Officers of its jurisdiction had refused to issue a card because of the non-payment of the amount standing against him on the books of the extinct Subordinate, or, the books thereof being lost or destroyed, he was not personally known to the Grand Officers, and they still refuse to issue a card on the request of the committee in his behalf, then, in either case, if the applicant be found worthy and in all respects qualified, the Subordinate petitioned may proceed according to its law regulating the election of members to vote upon his application, and, if elected, he shall pay such fee as may be required by the law of the Subordinate, or that of the jurisdiction, and become a member by signing the Constitution and By-Laws of such Subordinate, and shall take rank therein as he may be able to prove himself to have attained in the Order.

3d. Should the committee, however, fail to obtain any satisfactory evidence of the applicant's former connection with either an existing or extinct Subordinate, then he cannot be readmitted to membership under the law of 1865, and can only be admitted to membership by initiation, as if he had never been a member of the Order.

IV. 1st. Whenever a Subordinate shall readmit an applicant who was suspended for the non-payment of dues for the time specified, or who was unable to get a card, notice of his readmission shall be immediately sent by such Subordinate to the Subordinate of which he was formerly a member, if existing, and the said last named Subordinate shall strike his name from its roll of members.

2d. If the member elected was formerly a member of an extinct Subordinate, then the Subordinate electing him shall notify the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction of such extinct Subordinate that the proper entry may be made upon the books thereof in possession of the Grand Officers, or other record be made if its books have been lost or destroyed.

V. Should the committee of investigation, in its correspondence with the Grand Officers of the jurisdiction of a defunct Subordinate, obtain for the applicant a card, then the card so obtained shall be substituted for the peti-

tion to be readmitted as a non-affiliating Odd-Fellow, and be treated as an application for membership by regular deposit of card.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L., and T.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. BARRETT, of Missouri, (page 4327,) to wit:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider the matter presented in the above resolution, and report as to the expediency of such legislation as may be necessary to secure the identification, oversight, and protection of the orphans of Odd-Fellows in every land where the Order may be established.

Having considered the same, respectfully report, that while they fully appreciate the intentions of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in the proposed legislation, they deem it wholly impracticable to carry it into effect. There is no doubt in the minds of your committee that every Lodge in our great and growing jurisdiction, when called upon, will gladly obey the command of our Order at the request of any Lodge, and exercise proper oversight, and give necessary protection, in all proper cases, to the orphans of Odd-Fellows. Yet, to carry out the spirit and manifest intention of the above resolution, cards or certificates would be necessary, which might fall into improper hands, and damage be inflicted upon the Order through the means thus provided for doing good. Your committee believe that all that need be done can be as well performed by correspondence between the Lodges as in any other manner; they therefore offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the proposed legislation is inexpedient.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L., and T.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the amendment to Article XXII. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, proposed by P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, (page 4319,) having considered the same, report, that they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article XXII. of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended that it shall read as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE XXII.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely, first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree,

scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Plain white aprons for initiatory degree.

The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar—each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the royal purple degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves: Patriarchs who have attained the royal purple degree, purple collars only, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

Respectfully submitted in F., L., and T.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Missouri, adopted 1868, have examined the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, above referred to, be approved. M. S. DOWDEN,

DANIEL FITHIAN,
SAMUEL READ,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
JOHN F. HIDE.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the government of Union Encampment, No. 1, located at St. Catherine's, Ontario, adopted 1868, have considered the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Union Encampment, No. 1, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, adopted A. D. 1868, have considered the same, and recommend their adoption, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, as referred to above, be approved. M. S. DOWDEN,

DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Denver Encampment, No. 2, of Colorado Territory, adopted May, 1868, have considered carefully the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Denver Encampment, No. 2, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Alabama, adopted April, 1868, have duly considered the same, and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
SAMUEL READ,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, adopted 1868, have examined the same and recommend its approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Colorado Encampment, No. 1, adopted August 3, 1868, have considered the same, and recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Colorado Encampment, No. 1, in Colorado Territory, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, adopted January, 1868, have carefully considered the same, and, finding nothing therein in conflict with the regulations of the Order, recommend their approval, and append the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred various amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, adopted since 1852, have considered the same, and recommend their approval, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
SAMUEL READ.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, have duly examined the same, and recommend their approval, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, above referred to, be approved.

M. S. DOWDEN,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
JOHN F. HIDE,
SAMUEL READ,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication, and, on motion of Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, the invitation was accepted:

Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY,

BALTIMORE, September 22, 1868.

R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR: A number of the members of the present Session of the Grand Lodge have called on me, and are desirous that I should make a photograph group of all the members, like the one in the Grand Lodge room which I took in 1865. I would therefore extend the invitation to the members to sit singly at their earliest convenience, that I may have time to arrange a perfect and harmonious picture.

Fraternally yours,

P. L. PERKINS,

Nos. 205 and 207 (second floor) Baltimore street.

The Chair named the following special committees, pursuant to the order adopted to that effect:

Committee for Collars for Past Grand Patriarchs.—Reps. RUSHA, of Louisiana; STUART, of District of Columbia; BAILEY, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Forms.—P. G. Sire VEITCH; Reps. BANCROFT, of Massachusetts; ROGERS, of Illinois; SPRAGUE, of Michigan; DOULL, of Lower Provinces.

The Chair presented the following communication, which, on motion of Rep. WOOLF, of California, was accepted, and the Grand Marshal was ordered to make arrangements for the purpose:

I. O. O. F.

BALTIMORE CITY LODGE, No. 57,
Baltimore, Sept. 23, 1868.

M. W. Grand Sire JAMES P. SANDERS,

And Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

BROTHERS: You are most cordially and affectionately invited to pay a fraternal visit to Baltimore City Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., on Wednesday evening.

Hoping you may make it convenient to gratify our Lodge on that occasion by your presence, and thus encourage us in our efforts to spread the benign principles of our beloved Order, we are, with much respect,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN J. SUPER, *Noble Grand.*

W.M. F. SINCLAIR, *Recording Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, the Lodge agreed to consider the pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment (page 4132) having been disposed of, the second amendment (page 4136) was considered as follows, and was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Amend Section 3, Article I., of the Constitution, by striking out the words "except in the State of New York, where by law there are now chartered two Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments."

The next amendment, (page 4192,) in the following words, was considered, and resolved in the negative:

Amend Section 5, of Article I., by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of eleven-twelfths of the members."

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Atwood, Bailey, Baker, Botsford, Cohen, Dowdall, Durham, Dowden, Fithian, Force, Foulk, Gilmore, Harris of Connecticut, Homes, Lamberton, Leech, McConnell, Maris, Martin, Perkins, Ransom, Read, Rusha, Russell, (2 votes,) Simpson, Stokes, Strong, Terwilliger, Venable, Viele, Woodyatt—32.

Nays.—Reps. Adams, Baird, (2 votes,) Bancroft, Barber, Barnard, Barret, Barron, Blair, Bristow, Burns, Burton, Clark of Iowa, Clark of North Carolina, Cummings, Damon, Dannals, Dennis, Doull, Duvall, Elder, Escavaille, Evans, Fitzhugh, Ford, Garwood, Glenn, Gunnison, Harris of Georgia, Hastings, Havenner, Haupt, Hayden, Haynie, Herr, Hide, Hills, Horn, Johnson, Kingsbury, Ladd, Latham, Logan, McAfee, McLean, Mack, Marley, Mauro, Mayes, Miller, Morrison, Nungesser, Oakes, Page, Robinson, Rogers, Ross, Shields, Sloan, Smith of Illinois, Smith of West Virginia, Spring, Stuart, Thayer, Woolf—64.

The next amendment, (page 4199,) as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Article I., Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read: "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, (page 4199,) as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 5, Article I., by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members."

On motion of Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, to postpone the further

consideration of the amendment until the next session, it was not agreed to.

Rep. SPRING, of New Hampshire, moved indefinitely to postpone the amendment, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were required and taken, and before the result was announced—

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, raised the following point of order:

That members have been allowed to cast a vote for members of this Grand Lodge, who are not present on a call of the roll, on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, under consideration, refers to Article XXI, Constitution.

The Chair ruled as follows:

The point of order is not well taken; the uniform legislation of the Grand Lodge prescribes the right of Representatives to vote for an absent colleague, in accordance with Section 15, on page 142 of Digest, Journal 3207-3237, and Section 15, of page 114 of the Digest, the term present being constructive and not dependent upon presence at the session.

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

*Yea*s.—Reps. Bailey, Baker, Barber, Barnard, Barret, Barron, Blair, Burton, Carter, Clark of North Carolina, Cohen, Dennis, Dowdall, Evans, Fithian, Force, Foulk, Funk, Garey, Gilmore, Glenn, Herr, Hills, Horn, Kingsbury, Ladd, Lamberton, Leech, (2 votes,) McCarty, (2 votes,) McConnell, Mack, Maris, Martin, (2 votes,) Mayes, Miller, (2 votes,) Page, Read, Rogers, Rusha, Russell, (2 votes,) Shields, Simpson, Smith of Illinois, Sprague, Stokes, Strong, Terwilliger, Thayer, Tuley, Viele, Woodyatt—56.

*Nay*s.—Reps. Adams, Atwood, Baird, Bancroft, Botsford, Bristow, Burns, Cummings, Daman, Dannals, Davis, Doull, Driscoll, Dowden, Durham, (2 votes,) Duvall, Elder, Ellis, Escavaille, Ford, Garwood, Gunnison, Harris of Connecticut, Harris of Georgia, Hastings, Haupt, Hayden, (2 votes,) Haynie, Hide, Latham, (2 votes,) McAfee, McLean, (2 votes,) Marley, Mauro, Morrison, Nungesser, Payne, Perkins, Ransom, Richardson, Robinson, (2 votes,) Sloan, Smith of West Virginia, Spring, Stuart, Woolf—51.

The next amendment, (page 4204,) was considered, as follows:

Amend Section 1 of Article I., by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Lodge."

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the amendment be postponed, and that it be referred to a special committee, who shall take into consideration the propriety and necessity of a change in the name of the Grand

Body, and, if deemed advisable, to submit an amendment to the Constitution so framed as to provide for such change, and determine the time at which the same shall go into effect.

The next amendment, (page 4200,) was considered, as follows:

Amend Article XII. of the Constitution by striking out the word "Monday," in the first line, and inserting "Wednesday."

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, (page 4212,) as follows, was considered:

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article IX. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended by striking out the words "have received the Royal Purple Degree be," and inserting the words, "be a Past Chief Patriarch and," in the second and third lines of the said section, as printed on page 9 of the Digest of 1863.

On motion of Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, (page 4215,) as follows, was considered:

Amend Section 3 of Article IX. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge by striking out the words "he must have received the Royal Purple Degree," and inserting the words "he must be entitled to receive the Grand Encampment Degree."

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, it was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of P. G. M. WILLIAM L. HYLAND vs. the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, respectfully report:

That they find, upon examination of the papers referred to them, that an issue was made between G. Master HYLAND, of West Virginia, and Virginia Lodge, No. 1, of that jurisdiction, which was brought before the Grand Lodge of that State by communication, reciting the whole matter in dispute of the Grand Master, at its session in April, 1868.

This communication was referred to a special committee, who reported that Virginia Lodge, No. 1, was in error in the premises, and recommended the passage of a resolution "that the Grand Master's action in the case be sustained."

The vote on the adoption of this report was taken by Lodges, and resulted as follows: yeas 11, nays 11.

It is an acknowledged legal principle of the Order that decisions of Grand Masters are in full force until *reversed* by their Grand Lodges. Your committee do not regard this result as a *reversal* of the action of Grand Master HYLAND, but simply as equivalent to no expression on the matter in issue.

But, in addition, it appears by the papers accompanying the appeal, as an important fact, that Virginia Lodge, No. 1, being a party to the issue, and having direct interest in the result, voted with the nays, and thus prevented the adoption of the report. This was clearly against law and justice, and should not have been allowed by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Dis-

carding this vote, as it should be, then the result affirmed the action of the Grand Master. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, in the matter in question, did not overrule the decision of the Grand Master.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOHN W. CARTER,
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Past Grand Sire VEITCH, as follows:

"WHEREAS the law of this body, passed at the session of 1856—pages 2630 and 2664, Journal—empowering Grand Patriarchs and their deputies to confer the subordinate Encampment degrees upon the scarlet degree members of a Subordinate Lodge, for the purpose of organizing a new Encampment, *provided no Subordinate Encampment be located within thirty miles of such new Encampment*, is often productive of inconvenience and delay in instituting new Encampments by the Grand Patriarchal jurisdictions, especially on the borders of their territorial limits; and whereas this Grand Lodge has at various times decided that "the time, place, and manner of conferring the (subordinate) degrees are proper subjects of local legislation;" and whereas the same principle should be applied to the Patriarchal degrees that the interests of the Encampment branch of the Order might be promoted and its area of usefulness extended; therefore be it

Resolved, That Grand Patriarchs and their duly commissioned special deputies are hereby empowered, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampments respectively, to confer the subordinate Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of scarlet degree members of a Subordinate Lodge, for the purpose of qualifying them as proper petitioners for a warrant or charter for an Encampment within their jurisdiction at a place where none exists."

Beg leave to report that, having duly considered the matter submitted to them, they recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolution, as amended.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolutions, presented by Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, (page 4315,) to wit:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be requested to try and secure the adoption of the following resolution by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, so as to secure more uniform work in Subordinate Lodges, and to conform to the decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Digest, page 40, decision 6, under 'Degrees,' and page 45, decision 4, under 'Degree Lodges.'

"Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree, in form and manner as prescribed in the Charge Book for conferring degrees, and after having been regularly closed in form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for in the form and manner provided in the Degree Charge Book, page 3, after which they shall open in the initiatory degree, and immediately close in due form."

Beg leave to report that they have fully considered the subject matter, and in view of the previous legislation of this R. W. Grand Lodge, we deem it inexpedient to propose any new legislation, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted in F., L., and T.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom so much of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order as relates to the second decision of the Grand Sire in 1865 (Journal, page 3812) was referred, but not acted upon at that session, as explained by a resolution offered by Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, at this session, according to instructions submit the following amended form of Section 9, page 13, of the Digest, as the law required by that report:

Resolved, That where all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and, in such case, the vote on the reconsideration shall be by ball ballots; and if all the votes cast shall be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls; and never more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. And provided, always, that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, in relation to the mode of admission of brothers into the Order who are without travelling cards and the travelling password was referred, beg leave to report that in the opinion of this committee the reso-

tion involves an inquiry as to what is the existing law, and contemplates no new legislation. It therefore belongs more appropriately to the Committee on the State of the Order. This committee therefore recommends that it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, according to order, have considered the preamble and resolution of Rep. HARRIS, of Georgia, recommending the rescinding or modification of the decision of this Grand Body embodied in a report of the Legislative Committee, to be found in Journal of 1865, pages 3827, 3846, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to rescind or modify the same. The committee, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the petition and accompanying resolution of the Grand Lodge of California on the subject of a translation of the work of the Order into the Italian language, and for authority to charter Subordinate Lodges to work in that language, beg leave to report that they are not satisfied of the necessity and propriety of the action proposed, or that its benefits would equal the difficulty and inconvenience that arise from a departure from the usual form of the work as received in our jurisdictions, the exceptions already concurred in having been forced upon us by circumstances which do not seem to attend this application. They, therefore, report the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is inexpedient at this time to have a translation of the work of the Order in the Italian language, and to authorize Subordinate Lodges to be established to work in that language.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. HILL, of Wisconsin, on the subject of conferring of Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees out of the jurisdiction of the parties entitled thereto, would beg leave to report, that in the absence of special legislation the practice of Grand Lodges seems to have been uniformly that suggested by the resolution; yet, as some doubt seems to exist on that point, they incline to think it proper that the rule should be laid down by this body, as requested by the Representative. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That any State Grand Lodge be, and hereby is, authorized to confer the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon Past Grands of another State jurisdiction upon the presentation of a visiting card from their own Lodge, and also a certificate executed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction such Past Grands belong, that they are eligible and entitled to the same.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, "providing that where the Constitution or laws of a State Grand Lodge or Encampment are in conflict with the Constitution, laws, or decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States the latter shall prevail," have duly considered the subject, and find such legislation to be unnecessary, as such is already the law on the subject, by repeated action of this body. They, therefore, report the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, requesting them to inquire into the propriety of requiring Subordinate Lodges to perform all the work when opened in the fifth or scarlet degree instead of the initiatory degree, beg leave to report that, having considered the subject, they are clearly of opinion that the proposed change would be unacceptable to the membership and is entirely unnecessary, the present rule having been found, on trial, to be the most conducive to the dispatch of business and the general prosperity of the Subordinate Lodges. They, therefore, report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, in reference to the time and mode of voting upon penalties after conviction, beg leave to report that in their opinion the subject of said resolution has always been regulated by the several State Grand Bodies and requires no legislation by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
THOS. T. SMILEY,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the following resolution, offered by Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, was referred, viz;

"Resolved, That it shall be lawful for each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge to adopt a funeral ceremony, to be used within its jurisdiction, until further action on this subject by this body."

Have considered the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the following resolution, offered by Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, viz:

"Resolved, That when a member of an Encampment in good standing takes a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Encampment shall not be affected thereby for a year from the date of his said withdrawal card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Encampment if he deposits his withdrawal card in a Subordinate Lodge and becomes a member thereof at any time within a year from the date of his said withdrawal card, provided he shall keep his dues paid up in the Encampment during that time."

And recommend its adoption.

They also recommend that Section 3, under the title of "Membership in the Patriarchal Order," Digest, page 92, be and the same is hereby repealed, because it is inconsistent with the foregoing resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; seconded by Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; READ, of New Jersey; TERWILLIGER, of New York; GAREY, of Maryland; FITHIAN, of Ohio; McCARTY, of Indiana.

Resolved, That Section 5 of Article I. of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives."

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the forms for laying corner stones and dedicating Odd-Fellows' Halls, as found in Grosch's Manual, *may* hereafter be used by Lodges, when preferred by them, to the forms heretofore prescribed by this Grand Lodge."

Respectfully report, that since the reference of the above resolution a special committee has been appointed, to which the subject of "Forms" has been referred, and recommend the reference of the above resolution to that committee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following amendment to the Rules of Order, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Amend Rules of Order No. IX. by striking out all after the word "committees," in the first line, and inserting, to wit: Committee on the State of the Order, Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, Committee on Finance, and Committee on Appeals, each to consist of nine members, four of whom shall constitute a quorum; Committee on Correspondence, Committee on Constitutions, Committee on Petitions, Committee on Returns, and Committee on Grand Bodies not presented, each to consist of seven members; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and Committee on Printing, each to consist of five members.

Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, from the special committee appointed at the last session to revise the work in the German language, submitted a report, which was referred to the secret session.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand C. E. PEIRCE from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario in the matter of THOMAS LAWLESS, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, respectfully report: That, having examined the papers presented in this case, find the following facts to exist, viz: THOMAS LAWLESS, a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, was at a regular meeting of said Lodge, held for the purpose of electing its officers, elected Vice Grand. At the next meeting the D. D. Grand Master, J. W. FERGUSON, being present for the purpose of installing the officers, refused to install Bro. LAWLESS in the office of Vice Grand, declaring him ineligible, on the ground that he had not served two terms in a subordinate office previous to his election. From the action of the D. D. Grand Master Bro. LAWLESS appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Grand Lodge, after consideration of the matter, refused to sustain the appeal, and from this action the appeal of Past Grand C. E. PEIRCE is taken. The following is an extract from the Constitution, as laid down for the government of Subordinate Lodges of Ontario:

ARTICLE III., SECTION 1. [Clause 2.]—Any brother to be nominated for the office of Grand Master, must be a Past Grand, having the three P. O. degrees; for the office of Noble Grand, a Vice Grand, or Past Vice Grand; for the office of Vice Grand a Secretary, or a brother who has completed or is then serving a second term in some inferior office or offices in the Lodge; and no brother shall be eligible to any of the other elective offices unless he shall have served at least two terms in some appointed office, and shall have attained the scarlet degree.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has, however, legislated upon this subject, and declared "that twenty-six night's service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the chair of Vice Grand; provided, of course, the brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent." Journal, page 1067.

This is the supreme law, and it appearing clearly that Bro. LAWLESS had rendered the necessary service in an inferior office, had attained the required degrees, and was otherwise competent, your committee conclude that he was eligible, and entitled to be installed into the office of Vice Grand, and that the Grand Lodge of Ontario erred in not sustaining his appeal; we therefore recommend for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand C. E. PEIRCE, from the action of the Lodge of Ontario, be and the same is hereby sustained.

JOHN W. CARTER,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
W. A. SHIELDS,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr.

Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois; seconded by Reps. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; BURTON, of Vermont; RUSSELL, of New York.

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read "this Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," and by adding the words, at the close of the section, "provided that this amendment shall not be in force until the 1st day of September, A. D. 1870."

Rep. HARRIS, of Georgia, submitted the following paper:

BALTIMORE, September 23, 1868.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS: The undersigned, Grand Representatives from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, beg leave to state that at the last session of that Grand Body resolutions expressive of its grateful appreciation of the generous donation made by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Order in that jurisdiction were adopted, and directed to be transmitted to this Grand Lodge through its Representatives.

Circumstances unknown to us, have deprived us of the pleasure of presenting at this communication the resolutions referred to, not having received them from the office of our Grand Secretary.

From this cause, and for the reason that the jurisdiction we have the honor to represent is not indifferent or unmindful of so great a kindness, her Representatives therefore take occasion, on behalf and in the name of the Order in Georgia, hereby to tender to the Grand Lodge of the United States the kindest thanks, and the Grand Representatives from that jurisdiction, on behalf of themselves, beg to express to this Grand Body sentiments of very grateful consideration.

Very respectfully, yours fraternally,

C. C. MILLER,

WALTON B. HARRIS,

Grand Representatives of Grand Lodge of Georgia.

JAMES L. HAUPT,

Representative of Grand Encampment of Georgia.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, presented the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, under instructions from that Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognises with deep sensibility the fraternal regard and sympathy that prompted the brethren of more favored jurisdictions to extend the hand of relief to the Order of the South.

Resolved, That the thanks of this jurisdiction be and they are hereby tendered to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and through that body to the donors of the fund so munificently bestowed for the purpose of reviving the Order in this State.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be and they are hereby instructed to present these resolutions to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Alabama:

The Grand Lodge of Alabama at a regular session held in the city of Mobile, commencing on the 3d of February, 1868, unanimously passed the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Alabama be and the same are hereby returned to the Grand Lodge of the United States and the several Grand Lodges of the Northern States, for the very liberal donation to this Grand Lodge for the benefit of the destitute Subordinate Lodges belonging to this jurisdiction.

Rep. LADD, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS Past Grand Rep. JOHN H. WILLIAMS, of the Grand Lodge of Maine, received some years since a bound copy of the Journal and Digest of this body, but had the misfortune to have the same destroyed by fire; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to present to said Past Grand Representative another copy of the bound Journal and Digest of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire VEITCH moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be requested to convey to our R. W. Grand Chaplain, I. D. WILLIAMSON, our profound sympathy in his affliction, which prevents him from meeting with us in annual session, and our sincere expressions of regret at his absence from us.

Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That it is *not* a violation of the secrecy of the Order to publish the name of a member expelled *from* the Order; provided such publication be in an organ recognised by the State Grand Body as its official organ.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to present to J. W. ORR the last bound volumes of the Journals of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter, in the designation of the name and rank of brethren of the Order, the title or rank of the brother shall be placed after instead of before the name, as has hitherto been practised.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. D. G. M. GEORGE DEAN from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in adopting the following resolution :

"Resolved, That Past Grand Masters attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge be paid mileage and *per diem* the same as the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge."

Respectfully report: The appellant claims that this Grand Lodge, in adopting and acting under said resolution, violated Clause 4, Section 1 of Article II. of her Constitution, which is as follows:

CLAUSE 4. One representative from each Subordinate Lodge to this Grand Lodge (provided such representative shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge) shall be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge one dollar per day while in actual attendance at its sittings, and three cents per mile travelling expenses to and from its place of meeting, which shall be in full remunera-

tion for services as such representative. Where but one representative is in attendance from a Lodge entitled to more than one representative, such representative so in attendance shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which the Lodge is entitled."

And he insists that because of that provision for the payment of per diem and mileage, and the absence of any other for like payment, the Grand Lodge of Michigan is powerless to pay her Past Grand Masters or others except by an amendment to her constitution.

To enable a right judgment to be passed upon this question, it is necessary to examine that constitution to ascertain the rights and powers of that Grand Body bearing upon this case, and also to know who constitutes her membership. By Section 2 of Article I. she possesses the sole right and power "of originating and regulating the means of its own support and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interests of the Order." By Section 1 of Article II. her members are declared to be "Past Grand Masters in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges, officers formally installed, and Past Grands who have been duly and regularly elected as representatives of Lodges in conformity with this constitution." In the same article every Subordinate Lodge is entitled to one representative, to two if it has fifty members, and to an additional representative for every fifty members, and immediately after this fixing of the number of representatives to which each Lodge is entitled follows the clause prescribing that but one representative from each Subordinate Lodge attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be paid the per diem and mileage.

There is little difficulty either in ascertaining the will of the framers of this Constitution or in the construction and application of the law itself. It is only necessary to examine the subject-matter and the context, and to invoke that rule of construction that where by law a particular thing is to be done in a particular way all other ways are excluded except that specified. The Constitution was defining and determining the number of representatives which each Lodge should possess of right, and in the same breath it also fixed and settled that but one of these representatives should be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge for his attendance. A Lodge composed of two hundred members has the right to send to her superior five representatives; of these the Grand Lodge by her Constitution declares she will pay but one. And no resolution, however unanimously adopted, to pay more representatives than that one would be operative, as it would be in the teeth of the organic law. To accomplish this there would have to be an amendment of the Constitution.

To make this, if possible, the clearer, the Constitution sheds its own light. Building wisely, the framers included among those to be the Grand Lodge, not only the officers and representatives, but also those who by their wisdom and experience could with skill and sagacity help to administer the affairs of the Order in Michigan, the Past Grand Masters. And to the Grand Lodge so constituted was given the power of originating and regulating the means of its support, "*and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interests of the Order.*" To do an act promotive of a prompt and regular attendance by the officers of that body on her sessions was certainly conducive to the interests of that Order. That act was done in 1849 by the adoption of a resolution to pay them per diem and mileage. That resolution is still in force. It was just, and neither violative of the spirit nor letter of the Constitution. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan held in 1866, by the resolution under consideration the Past Grand Masters were placed on the same platform as to compensation as the officers, and so "regulating its means" the Grand Lodge sought to deal equitably and to promote the interests of the Order by holding out an inducement to secure the presence at her sessions of those who had served in her chief executive office, who had enjoyed her confidence, and who could facilitate her labors. This was not forbidden by the Constitution, but was

in harmony with its spirit. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan be sustained, and the appeal therefrom be dismissed.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOHN W. CARTER,
BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, JR.,
W. A. SHIELDS.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, to wit:

Resolved, That when a financial officer of a Subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts and deliver all moneys, books, and papers belonging to the same over to the Lodge, he cannot of right demand a card of clearance, and a Lodge may refuse to grant such card until the brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind."

Respectfully report, that in their opinion it would not only be proper, but important, for the security and well being of any Lodge, that its financial officer should be compelled to make prompt settlement of his accounts, and therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the "Decisions made during the recess of the Grand Lodge," respectfully report, that in reference to the *first, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth*, they fully concur as being in conformity with the laws and usages of the Order, and recommend their approval.

That in reference to the *fourth* decision they cannot concur in the view he has taken in limiting the advantages which we believe a brother is entitled to enjoy when in the possession of a travelling or visiting card, which by its express terms "recommends him to the friendship, protection, and admission into *all* regular Lodges of Odd-Fellows during the term specified in the card." Travelling or visiting cards are issued for the purpose of enabling a brother of the Order to visit beyond his jurisdiction, but it does not follow that he may not use it in the jurisdiction of the Lodge issuing the card, for the very reason which now exists, that a brother is allowed to visit and use the A. T. P. W. in use at the time of granting the card, notwithstanding the lapse of time prescribed for its current use has passed.—No such rule exists as to the use of the term P. W. The travelling brother's absence from his Lodge beyond the end of the term in which his card was granted would prevent him from obtaining the P. W. of the current term,

and would be, under the ruling of the Grand Sire, prevented from visiting a Lodge located hundreds of miles from his own Lodge because it happened to be under the same jurisdiction with his own. The committee therefore cannot concur with the restrictions that this ruling would have upon the privileges of travelling or visiting brothers, and recommend that it be reversed.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order having had under consideration the query from the jurisdiction of Ontario, submitted by Rep. WOODYATT, and found on page 4318 Journal, in the words following, to wit:

"What is the position in the Order of a brother who is over fifty years of age, holding a withdrawal card less than one year old; can he be admitted to membership by any Lodge, or is legislation in the matter required?"

Beg leave respectfully to report that, in the opinion of the committee, the subject matter contained in the query is one for local legislation. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the query from the jurisdiction of California, submitted by Rep. GUNNISON, on page 4317 Journal, in the words following, to wit:

"Is a brother qualified and eligible for the Chair of N. G. who has lost his right hand, or whose right hand has been so injured that its natural use has been seriously impaired?"

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and are of the opinion that any brother of a Subordinate Lodge, having the requisite degrees, is eligible for office in his Lodge. They therefore answer the question in the affirmative, and submit the appended resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee having examined the books and reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, find the same correct, with the proper vouchers, for the year ending September 21, 1868.

The item for binding the Revised Journal of 1863, 4, 5, 6, 7, has been paid from the contingent fund, and there is, therefore, no action necessary by this committee to provide for the payment thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. TERWILLIGER,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee submit the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the current year, viz:

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

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| Representative tax from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, | \$8,400 00 |
| For sale of cards..... | 7,500 00 |
| For sale of odes..... | 1,200 00 |
| For sale of diplomas..... | 2,000 00 |
| For sale of books..... | 6,500 00 |
| Interest on U. S. bonds..... | 800 00 |
| Amount due from jurisdictions..... | 730 00 |
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| | \$27,130 00 |

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

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| Mileage and per diem..... | \$15,000 00 |
| Printing Revised Journal..... | 2,500 00 |
| Grand Secretary's salary..... | 2,000 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's salary..... | 400 00 |
| Grand Messenger's salary..... | 1,400 00 |
| Printing Daily Journal..... | 500 00 |
| Rent Grand Secretary's office and fuel..... | 275 00 |
| Printing cards..... | 1,000 00 |
| Printing odes..... | 300 00 |
| Printing Charge and Degree books..... | 700 00 |
| Printing Encampment books..... | 350 00 |
| Printing Diplomas..... | 500 00 |
| Office expenses, postage, express, boxes, &c..... | 500 00 |
| Stationery..... | 200 00 |
| Printing Degree of Rebekah books..... | 200 00 |
| Repairs of furniture..... | 300 00 |
| Contingent fund..... | 1,000 00 |
| Printing Reports Grand Sire and Grand Secretary..... | 400 00 |
| Postage and express account of Grand Sire SANDERS..... | 70 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$27,095 00 |

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-seven thousand and ninety-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the pay-

ment of the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
F. BOTSFORD,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee having considered the resolution referred to them as offered by Rep. TULEY, of Indiana, in reference to the reduction of the cost of supplies twenty-five per cent., report, that in their opinion no further reduction in the price of supplies ought now to be made, but that they remain the same as last year. The past year has been one of great prosperity to the Order, and the receipts have been in excess of the expenditures by a small amount. We have no guaranty that this is to continue, as the history of all societies show they have their seasons of prosperity and adversity, and now, while we are enjoying our seasons of prosperity, is it not the part of wisdom to lay up something in time of need?

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TERWILLIGER,
F. BOTSFORD,
C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
T. B. McCARTY.

P. G. Sire KENNEDY, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of celebrating appropriately the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Order, respectfully beg leave to report that, after due consideration, they recommend for adoption the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and their Subordinates, be and they are hereby recommended to celebrate in an appropriate manner on the 26th of April next the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Odd-Fellowship in America.

Resolved, That the several Grand Bodies and their Subordinates are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry the above recommendation into practical effect.

Resolved, That a Grand National Celebration of the occasion under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall take place in the City of Philadelphia, in connection with the local observance of the day at that place.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed who shall be charged with the selection of an orator for the occasion, and the arrangement of the details of the ceremonies connected with the Grand National Celebration.

Resolved, That the elective officers of the Grand Lodge and the special committee be empowered to represent the Grand Lodges at the Grand Na-

tional Celebration. That the members of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Representatives who may find it convenient to attend be requested to participate.

Fraternally yours, etc.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
WILLIAM E. FORD,
C. A. LOGAN,
THOMAS T. SMILEY.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day, was suspended, and the report was considered.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the hour of 12 having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The special order fixed for this hour was, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, discharged, when—

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the recess, to wit, the report of the special committee on the subject of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Order.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to strike out "Philadelphia," in the third resolution, and insert "Cincinnati."

Rep. WOOLF, of California, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Cincinnati" and inserting "Baltimore," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now being on the adoption of the report and resolution of the committee, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to reconsider the vote just had, adopting the report and resolutions of the special committee on the Semi-Centennial Anniversary.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was agreed to.

The question now being on the report and resolutions of the special committee on the Semi-Centennial Celebration—

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out the word "Cincinnati" from the third resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. WOOLF, of California, moved to insert the word "Baltimore" in the blank occasioned by striking out the word "Cincinnati."

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved to amend the amendment by inserting "Philadelphia."

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to lay the subject on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question now being on filling the blank with the word "Baltimore," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on filling the blank with the word "Philadelphia," it was agreed to, and the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The Chair named the following committee, pursuant to the resolutions just adopted:

P. G. Sire KENNEDY, of New York; Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts; GAREY, of Maryland; READ, of New Jersey; and MARIS, of Delaware.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sire NICHOLSON and Grand Sire elect FARNSWORTH were added to the committee.

On motion of Rep. SLOAN, of Missouri, P. G. Sire VEITCH was added to the committee.

The Chair named the following special committee:

Committee on Title.—Reps. ELLIS, of Maryland; MAURO, of Missouri; WOODYATT, of Ontario; ROGERS, of Illinois, and ADAMS, of New Hampshire.

Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That Article XXII of By-Laws be amended by striking out from the twenty-fourth line thereof the words "and aprons as above described," so that the sentence will read, "Past-Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes."

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sire PERKINS was added to the Committee on the Semi-Centenary Celebration.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, to be found on page 4326 of the Journal, respectfully report: That they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion, from the evi-

dence presented by the annual returns from the jurisdictions named, that there is an imperative necessity for greater effort to preserve and prosper our beloved Order in the southern portion of our country. Disclaiming any disposition to interfere with the praiseworthy efforts that have been made, and are now being made, by the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the ten States named, we are of opinion that this Grand Lodge may take such action, with the co-operation of the proper officers of those bodies, as will tend to revive an interest in and materially increase the membership of the Order in the sunny South, and that no better investment of the funds in our Treasury can be made than to appropriate the amount that may be required to restore the languishing Lodges and Encampments located in this severely afflicted portion of our country to their former prosperous condition. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire be authorized and requested to visit, as soon as possible, the jurisdictions of Louisiana, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Florida, and, in conjunction with the executive officers of those jurisdictions, use such efforts as may be required to accomplish the desired purpose.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire is hereby invested with discretionary power to call to his assistance such members of the Order as he may deem necessary to aid him in making the above resolution effective; and the expense incurred be paid by the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge on the presentation of the order or certificate of the M. W. Grand Sire, attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
AMOS JOHNSON,
E. M. SLOAN,
WILLIAM OAKES.

Rep. THAYER, of South Carolina, submitted the following:

In behalf of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of South Carolina and Texas, the undersigned, Representatives from those jurisdictions, desire to express to this Grand Body, and through it to the various jurisdictions which so generously responded to the call made upon them, their profound sense of gratitude for the kind sympathy and generous liberality extended to them in their time of need, and, in the absence of official communications from their respective bodies conveying expressions of their feelings, ask that this tender of acknowledgments be received and entered upon the Journal.

WILLIAM THAYER,
G. Rep. Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
JOSEPH G. MARTIN,
G. Rep. Grand Encampment of South Carolina.
WILLARD RICHARDSON,
G. Rep. Grand Lodge of Texas.
J. N. HAYNIE,
G. Rep. Grand Encampment of Texas.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Rep. BANCROFT, of Massachusetts, found on page 4314 of the Journal, and which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge on that body the importance of again procuring from Lodges statistical information similar to that reported in 1853; but, in addition, to ascertain the expenses of the Subordinate Lodges for other purposes than benefits, and to report a basis on which Lodges can work and carry out in practice the original intentions of our founders on the subject of benefits."

Having given the subject due consideration, and fully agree that it is one of great importance to the present growth and future welfare of our institution, and should receive from this Grand Body a thorough and careful investigation. The question contemplated by the resolution can be answered only by the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and not fully answered—so as to be of value—unless great pains and caution is observed.

Your committee deem it highly essential that some general plan or system should be devised by which the Lodges paying their members sick benefits can adjust their dues so as to meet the demands made upon their treasury without impoverishing them.

It has long been the custom of this Grand Body to leave the subject of dues and benefits to local legislation, believing the members of Subordinate Lodges were best qualified to judge of their ability to pay a large or small benefit in cases of sickness. We would not interfere with or trespass upon this custom, but would earnestly labor to obtain the desired information, and thus assist our brethren in fixing their financial affairs upon such a basis as would insure them freedom from bankruptcy, a healthful Lodge, and a fulfilment of their obligations. To this end, and with this object in view, we deem it proper to submit several questions to be propounded to the Subordinate Lodges, together with such others as the judgment of this Grand Body may direct.

WILLIAM E. FORD,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
FRED. D. STUART,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby directed to have the following questions printed, together with such others as he may deem necessary to obtain a full and complete answer to the inquiries contained in the resolution submitted by Rep. BANCROFT, of Massachusetts, the same to be forwarded, at his earliest convenience, to the R. W. Grand Secretaries of the several jurisdictions under this Grand Lodge, with a request that they will send them to every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in their jurisdiction, to be filled up with suitable answers to the questions therein contained, and when such answers have been completed the documents shall be returned to the Grand Secretary of the State, to be by him forwarded to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall file the same in his office for future reference:

QUESTIONS.

1. When was your Lodge instituted?

Answer.

2. How many members belonged to your Lodge on the first night of the present term?

Answer.

3. What is the amount charged for initiation and degrees?

Answer.

4. What was the value of the Lodge property in stocks, funds, or otherwise on the first night of the present term?

Answer.

5. What are the annual dues of each member?

Answer.

6. What amount has been charged to each member as assessments, or otherwise, than those charged as *dues*?

Answer.

7. Does your Lodge pay sick benefits?

Answer.

8. How much does it pay per week to each member?

Answer.

9. How many weeks does it pay sick benefits in each year?

Answer.

10. What amount does it pay for funeral benefits?

Answer.

11. What amount has been donated during the past year, ending the first night of present term?

Answer.

12. What were the expenses of your Lodge during the past year, exclusive of sick and funeral benefits?

Answer.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, found on page 4310 of the Journal, viz:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge the power, by a standing regulation, to confer upon a brother of a Lodge under a foreign jurisdiction the freedom of debate upon all questions that may come before the Lodge?"

Beg leave to report, that this R. W. Grand Body will not undertake to decide the question of power in a Subordinate Lodge to pass such a resolution, but it cannot be denied that it would be very inexpedient, if not improper, to do so.

FRED. D. STUART,
J. W. STOKES,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
H. L. PAGE,
WILLIAM E. FORD.

Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, found on page 4341 of the Journal, have carefully considered the subject and report:

That this R. W. Grand Body has repeatedly declared that Subordinate Lodges must be closed regularly in the initiatory before opening in the Degrees—either for electing to or conferring the same. The decisive action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, confirming all its previous acts on that

subject, undoubtedly settles the question of its intention not to change the law. The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRED. D. STUART,
J. W. STOKES,
JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE,
H. L. PAGE,
WILLIAM E. FORD.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred the petition of sundry recipients of the Degree of Rebekah respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and, although they find objections to any action in the direction indicated by the petitioners, yet they believe that the benefits likely to accrue to the Order will far outweigh any evils which may result therefrom; they, therefore, recommend for adoption the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits, to possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following:

1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on such scarlet degree members and their wives as present a certificate from a Lodge located in the district designated in the charter of such Degree Lodge, and also to confer the said degree on widows of Odd-Fellows presenting certificates from Lodges to which their husbands were members at the time of their decease.

2. To elect and appoint their own officers in the manner prescribed by their by-laws. The elective officers to consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer, and, if so provided in their by-laws, a Financial Secretary. The appointed officers to consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand, Right and Left Supporters of Vice Grand. Any member of the Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Noble Grand, which office shall be filled by a Past Grand in good standing in his Lodge, and except Warden, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, who shall be scarlet degree members. All officers to hold their offices for six months or one year, as prescribed by the subordinate Grand Lodge.

3. To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the by-laws.

4. To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the by-laws may provide, and to provide by by-laws when those in arrears for dues shall be dropped from the roll of members. Any brother or sister within the district designated in the charter may become a member on paying the dues provided by the by-laws; and any brother may continue such member so long as he remains a member of his Subordinate Lodge in good standing, and pays his dues to the Degree Lodge, and any sister may remain a member so long as her husband is entitled to remain a member, or so long as she remains his widow and pays her dues to the Lodge. All Degree Lodges shall consist of at least ten members, five of each sex, and all in good standing shall participate in the proceedings of the Lodge.

5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute, or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the

members present shall by vote determine, or as shall be otherwise provided by the by-laws.

6. To establish such by-laws and rules of order not inconsistent herewith or with the rules, usages, and general regulations of the Order, as they may deem proper, subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge to which they are subordinates.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in any territory under the immediate jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that such Lodges possess the power and enjoy the privileges of other Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Resolved, That the widow of an Odd-Fellow who had not attained the scarlet degree, but who was in good standing at the time of his death, may receive the Degree of Rebekah at the option of the Lodge of which her husband was a member at the time of his death.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to prepare and cause to be printed certificates of membership for the Daughters of Rebekah, to be furnished to Lodges at not less than double the cost, and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for that purpose from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
DANIEL FITHIAN,
F. P. BAKER,
WM. R. MCLEAN,
C. W. DANNALS.

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Alabama, and Wisconsin, asking for a removal of the restrictions forbidding the initiation of persons who have lost an arm, respectfully submit the following report:

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Article XVI. Section 2, prescribes the following as requisite qualifications for membership into this Order:

"No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the universe."

At the session of 1849, (Journal, 1471,) this Grand Lodge, by legislative action, prescribed certain *physical* infirmities, to wit: "that it is inexpedient to initiate into the Order any member deprived of the senses of sight or hearing, or the power of speech," for the reason, as then and there stated, that such persons are incapable of reciprocating the signs and language of the Order.

Again, in 1864, (Journal, 3621, 3707,) the Grand Lodge affirmed the following decision of the Grand Sire upon the same subject:

"The custom and usages of the Order prohibit the initiation of a person whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order. The decision of the question as to the applicability of the general principle to special cases of partial deformity rests with the local authorities and especially with the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked."

This decision seems to have been in accordance with the law and practice of the Order from the time of its establishment in this country down to the

year 1867, when a further restriction was interposed by a decision of the Grand Sire, approved by the Grand Lodge, (Journal, 4070, 4187, 4202.) that "a person who has lost *an arm* is not eligible for membership into the Order by initiation." The chief arguments advanced by the committee and those favoring this decision were, that such dismemberment will prevent a strict compliance with the laws and requirements of our institution—that a one-armed person, by reason of such infirmity, is incapable of reciprocating all the signs and language of the Order, and therefore should not be initiated.

Your committee admit the force of this argument, and are fully aware of the inconvenience attending physical deformity, of the perplexing difficulties and embarrassments a maimed person is likely to experience, particularly as an instructor, and of the increased liability of such person to become a charge upon the funds of his Lodge for maintenance.

These are questions which should be well considered before any candidate is admitted into our Order, but in the opinion of your committee they are questions that no general law can well define, and it is far better in all cases of partial deformity or slight dismemberment that the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked should be allowed to pass upon the application. There all the qualities of the candidate, both of body and mind, are known, and his moral and mental as well as physical qualifications are best understood. There this responsibility was first placed, and long experience has proved how well the trust has been kept. We hear no complaints of its abuse. Hundreds of maimed persons have been admitted into our Lodges and have become honored and useful members of our Order. We have now about us thousands of our own countrymen, noble-hearted and brave young men, without fault or imperfection, save it may be an empty sleeve. All the teachings of our Order, every kindly impulse of our nature, common justice and humanity, plead for the unfortunate, and will not hold us blameless if we close our door against him. Your committee submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the question of eligibility to membership into the Order by initiation of persons who have lost a limb be and the same is hereby remitted to the jurisdiction and disposal of the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.

H. L. PAGE,
J. W. STOKES,
WILLIAM E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART.

On motion, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session for instruction in the Work.

After some time spent in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the introduction of our work in Australia have given the subject careful consideration, and beg leave to report that the adoption of our work by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, after some necessary delay, has been consummated under highly favorable circumstances, and is a matter of congratulation to this Grand Body and to the entire Order on the American continent.

The action of the Grand Sire in the premises is in accordance with the legislation of this Body at the session of 1859 and subsequent years. His

instructions to the Special D. G. Sire, A. D. MEACHAM, are full and complete, and the Special Deputy Grand Sire has acted with wisdom and zeal in carrying them out and organizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria as an independent sovereignty in the Order.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge of the Untited States are due to the special Deputy Grand Sire, and also to Grand Secretary T. ROGERS JOHNSON, of California, who materially and zealously assisted the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States in bringing about so desirable an object. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the instructions issued by the M. W. Grand Sire to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria, be and the same are hereby approved.

2. *Resolved*, That the charter issued by the Grand Sire to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, as an independent jurisdiction in our Order, is hereby confirmed, and the Grand Lodge of the United States hails with satisfaction the affiliation of the Order in Australia with us in the great cause of Odd-Fellowship.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Grand Sire did not feel authorized by the resolutions of 1859 to commission the Special Deputy to organize the Encampment branch of the Order in Australia, the Grand Sire is hereby empowered to introduce the Patriarchal work therein whenever in his judgment it shall become desirable and the way is open therefor.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are eminently due to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM for his indefatigable and successful efforts in establishing the Grand Lodge of Victoria and communicating to it our ritual and investing it with our work.

5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the services of Grand Secretary T. ROGERS JOHNSON, of California, in assisting in the consummation of this extension of our work and ritual to so distant a region, and we cordially extend to him our thanks for his efforts in this behalf.

6. *Resolved*, That a copy of the second resolution be properly engrossed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and a copy of the fourth resolution be transmitted to Special D. G. Sire A. D. MEACHAM, and a copy of the fifth resolution be transmitted to Grand Secretary T. ROGERS JOHNSON.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order having had referred to it, upon recommendation of the Legislative Committee, the resolution of Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, on page 4352 of Journal, in the following words, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire and report whether, under the existing law, a brother who is without a withdrawal card, or has lost it, and is not able to give the travelling password, and testifies that he cannot obtain a certificate giving evidence of his membership, but yet is able to prove himself in the secret work of the Order, thereby satisfying the Lodge that he has been duly initiated, may be admitted into the Lodge as an Ancient Odd-Fellow, or whether he should be re-initiated as the only means of regaining membership in the Order."

Ask leave respectfully to report, that the committee have given the subject-matter contained in the resolution a full and careful consideration, and

find upon examination of the Journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge, pages 1921 and 1956 of Journal of 1842, that the existing law is a sufficient and comprehensive answer to the resolution of inquiry. The action had by the Grand Lodge on the pages of the Journal referred to is as follows:

"A brother who has lost his withdrawal card may, on satisfactory proof thereof, be re-admitted to membership as an Ancient Odd-Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank he may prove himself as having attained."

The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
H. L. PAGE,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART.

P. G. Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the Book of Forms authorized by the resolution of P. G. Sire VEITCH, at the session of 1857, page 4131 Journal, and also the resolution of Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, at this session, respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the compilation of forms, and find them to be well arranged and admirably adapted to the wants of the Order. Touching the matter of ceremony for laying the corner stones of Odd-Fellows' Halls, contained in the resolution of Rep. ROGERS the committee take the occasion to state that the only form for laying corner stones adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States is that for laying corner stones for public edifices. It becomes necessary, therefore, to supply a want of the Order, for the Grand Lodge to adopt a form for laying corner stones of Odd-Fellows' Halls, and the committee have prepared and herewith submit a form for its adoption, and recommend its adoption. The committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the forms as prepared by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as authorized by the resolution of last session, together with the form for laying corner stones of Odd-Fellows' Halls, prepared and now submitted by the committee, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have stereotyped and printed, in the type known as long primer, two thousand copies of the Book of Forms, in the size known as 18mo, and he is authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the necessary cost of the same.

Resolved, That the price of the Book of Forms be fixed at two dollars per copy.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
E. DANA BANCROFT.
JOHN G. ROGERS,
ROBERT DOULL,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE.

The hour of three having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, pursuant to the order to that effect.

THURSDAY, September 24, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

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| JAMES P. SANDERS..... | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| E. D. FARNSWORTH..... | R. W. Deputy Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY..... | R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| REV. CHARLES PERKINS..... | R. W. Grand Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i> |
| JOHN S. HEISS..... | R. W. Grand Marshal. |
| JOHN P. FOSS..... | R. W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..... | R. W. Grand Messenger. |

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. CHAS. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair presented the following communication:

PHILADELPHIA, September 22, 1868.

DEAR BROTHER SANDERS:

I have waited until this time hoping that by some favorable turn of the disease I might still be able to reach Baltimore during the session; but that hope has vanished, and I have only to acquiesce in the necessity which compels me to remain where I am. The doctors give me assurance that the crisis has passed, and that, with good nursing and treatment, I may be about again in a couple of weeks. I cannot tell you how much it grieves me to forego the great pleasure of again meeting with the brothers with whom I have been so long associated, and in that cherished body which is, in my judgment, of all others, the nearest perfection as a deliberative assembly.

Remember me in much love to all the brethren, and believe me, as ever,
Yours, in F., L. and T.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
Per I. D. Williamson, Jr.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Mount Libanus Encampment, No. 68, of Pennsylvania, against the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

That the same appeal was presented to this Grand Lodge at the last session, and was remitted back to the appellants for proper authentication.

This Grand Lodge has decided that should the appellant fail to prosecute his appeal at the first session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a

renewal of the assent of the State Grand Body must be had. With such renewal of assent, the appeal may be prosecuted at a subsequent session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. [See Digest, title *Appeals*, p. 10, sec. 15.]

This appeal comes to us the second time without the renewal of the assent of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, and your committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed for informality.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
W. A. SHIELDS,
JOHN W. CARTER.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

"Resolved, That it is not a violation of the secrecy of the Order to publish the name of an expelled member of the Order, provided such publication be in an organ recognised by the State Grand Body as its official organ."

Respectfully report that the above subject has been referred to a special committee, and recommend that the above resolution be referred to that committee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report, page 4339, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4340, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Australia, was considered, and—

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was recommitted to the committee.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered.

On motion of Rep. McCONNELL, of Tennessee, to lay the resolution accompanying the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 4345, being from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of transferring Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, of Dacotah, to the jurisdiction of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4346, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of Stuart Encampment, No. 1, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of Oasis Encampment, Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of Australia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4347, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4348, being from the Committee on Petitions, on confirming the charter of Encampment No. 4, of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on confirming charter of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, Arizona, was considered adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on confirming the charter of Oasis Encampment, Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4349, from the same committee, on confirming the warrant of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on confirming the charter of Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, Dakotah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4351, being from the Committee on Printing, on printing the Revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, leave of absence was granted to Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the resolutions of Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, page 4353, as follows:

Resolved, That a Lodge is obliged to accept the care of a sick brother, member of another Lodge, on his application to them for watchers.

Resolved, That when a Lodge accepts the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, its members are under the same obligations to watch with him as though the sick brother was a member of their Lodge, and are subject to the same penalties.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, moved the adoption of the resolutions.

Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, moved to amend by inserting after the word Lodge, in the second line in the first resolution, the following words: "when distant from the Lodge of which he is a member."

The question being on the amendment—

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, moved to refer the whole subject to the Legislative Committee, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois—

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, the mover of the resolutions, accepted the amendment.

Rep. ATWOOD, of Connecticut, moved to amend, as follows:

That when a sick brother is so taken care of no charge shall be made to the said brother, or his Lodge, for the same.

Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, moved to amend further by substituting the following for the resolutions and pending amendment:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Sire on this subject, in the words following: "These questions are matters for State legislation. It is the moral duty of every Lodge to see that the brother in distress be attended to, and a Lodge or member would fail in their duty should they neglect to do so," be adopted as the decision of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which

being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. BAKER, of Kansas?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question recurring on the resolutions, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to sell the last bound volume of the Journal to such persons as have purchased or received the former volumes.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS Past Grand DANIEL WOOD, of Rochester, N. Y., has already prepared a continuation of the Digest of the decisions of this R. W. Grand Lodge: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to take into consideration the application of Past Grand WOOD to prepare the Digest authorized at this session.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer, in the contingency of sickness or other causes which may arise to prevent a satisfactory or efficient discharge of official duty, the right to resign from the office when the Grand Lodge is not in session?

If either office becomes vacant *ad interim* by decease of the incumbent or inability to discharge the duties thereof, or from forfeiture of membership in the Lodge or Encampment, or because of conviction upon charges preferred, has the Grand Sire the right and power to make an appointment to fill such vacancy?

Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to sell to P. G. ORR one thousand or more copies of the diploma, at such price as the Grand Secretary may decide upon.

Rep. BAILEY, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the annual and semi-annual reports of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report that they find the following correct in every respect, viz:

Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts, Delaware, Louisiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas, Rhode Island, Alabama, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Oregon, and the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, except as hereinafter stated.

Grand Encampments of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, District of Columbia, Indiana, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Delaware, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, California.

The following are incorrect for the reasons stated in each case:

GRAND LODGES.

New York.—27 expulsions reported; names and cause of 26 only given.

Pennsylvania.—Reports 66,235, members; summary 66,247.

District of Columbia.—Reports 2,412 members; summary 2,421.

Ohio.—101 expulsions reported; names and cause given for 73.

Arkansas.—Under the fourth instruction to Grand Secretaries, endorsed on the reports, 142 members of Lodges, not previously reported, should have been reported as reinstated, making the reinstatements 147 instead of 5. One is reported as expelled for non-payment of dues.

California.—Members reported last year 8,444; reported this year 8,514; amount made up by adding 70 for three Lodges which failed to report last year. They should be reported as reinstated.

Colorado.—Last report 143 members; stated in report at 260. This amount seems to have been taken from a semi-annual report to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, instead of the annual report of that body to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The number of initiations and admissions appears to have been taken from the same source.

Florida.—Gives no summary; no names or causes of suspension.

Iowa.—35 expulsions reported; names and cause of only 34 given.

Kansas.—Gives the names of persons suspended for non-payment of dues.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—Members reported last year 206; stated this year at 200. Two suspensions reported, but not included in the summary.

Minnesota.—Members reported last year 492; stated this year at 521; names of two members suspended for offence not reported.

South Carolina.—926 members reported; summary, 934.

Georgia.—1,098 members reported; summary, 1,106. Names and causes of suspension and expulsion not given.

Vermont seal pasted on, and report not in form.

New Jersey.—Name and cause of one expulsion not given.

Michigan.—No summary.

Nevada.—No suspensions reported; 57 reported as ceased membership for non-payment of dues.

Ontario.—Reports 23 suspended; 11 ceased to be members for non-payment of dues; 258 in arrears, &c.

Rhode Island.—Withdrawals reported, 6; in summary, 7.

West Virginia.—11 suspensions reported; names of 14 suspended members given.

Wisconsin.—Name and cause of one expulsion not given.

Maine.—Names and causes of suspensions and expulsions not given.

Tennessee.—Number of brothers and widowed families relieved not given.

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Ohio.—178 expulsions reported; names and cause of 23 only given. The Grand Scribe wrote on his report, "I do not think any who may be suspended should be returned as not holding membership." In answer to which we refer the Grand Scribe to article ten of by-laws.

Missouri.—14 reported as reinstated; in summary, 23.

Georgia.—319 members reported; in summary 324.

Michigan.—No summary.

Tennessee.—Names and cause of suspensions and expulsions not given.

West Virginia.—459 members reported; in summary, 449.

Kansas.—164 members reported; in summary, 273.

Montana Lodge, No. 1, Helena, M. T., no seal; 11 initiated; 10 only entered in the summary.

Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas, no seal.

Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska, eight names of initiates given; in the summary nine reported.

No report has been received from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

Your committee regret to find that so many errors are made in the reports presented, and believe that a little more care on the part of the Secretaries and Scribes will enable them to make correct returns to this Grand Lodge. We also suggest that greater care should be taken in printing the tables of returns in the Revised Journal.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE A. ROSS,
R. B. MAYES,
C. D. STRONG,
JOHN G. ROGERS,
S. H. HARRIS

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, which read as follows:

"Resolved, In view of the approaching celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship on this continent, and in view of the great prominence of the Order as a charitable organization, therefore

"Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of providing some suitable design for an Odd-Fellows' flag or banner, which shall represent the distinctive features of the Order in colors and emblems, and be made of such material that all the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments can procure them upon reasonable terms."

The committee have held several meetings to consider the subject contained in the resolutions, and, after due deliberation, most respectfully submit the following report:

The first question for consideration in the minds of the committee was the necessity or want now existing for a Flag or Banner which should represent the Order as a whole, and not as a part, or a single Lodge or Encampment. Upon this question the committee were unanimous. The next to be considered was what shall it be? To arrive at a satisfactory conclusion or solution of this question, keeping in view the spirit of the resolution, your committee procured several designs and from them selected one which in their judgment commends itself to you for consideration. We do not claim that it is the best that might be procured, but think it will answer our wants for the present time.

We therefore cheerfully submit the style or design for a Flag, which we trust will meet your approbation, and will henceforth become *Our Flag*, to be recognised by the brotherhood throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as an emblem or representation of the great principles of our Fraternity, which for nearly a half century have incited us to deeds of humanity towards all men, and will constantly remind us of the duty we owe to each other, so that wherever it may float upon the breeze—in the United States, in Australia, or other parts of the world—it shall afford to every true Odd-Fellow protection in the exercise of his lawful rights, and an assurance that he has the ready and hearty sympathy and support of his brethren.

Entertaining these views, and trusting they may be adopted by this Grand Body, we submit the accompanying design, with resolutions, which we recommend for adoption.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for an Odd-Fellows' flag the pattern or design presented by the special committee appointed for that purpose, to wit:

The flag to be manufactured of white material—either bunting, satin, or cotton cloth—as may be selected by those desiring one. The proportions to be 11-19th of the length for the width. The emblems to consist of the three links, to be placed in the centre of the flag, with the letters I. O. O. F. To be painted or wrought in scarlet color, and trimmed with material of the same color. Wherever the flag is to be used by the Encampments there shall be added two crooks.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to procure a flag of suitable size and proportions as above described for this Grand Lodge, to be used for the first time at the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, on the 26th of April, and in addition to the emblems add the letters G. L. U. S.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. E. FORD,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. LYMAN T. MOORE, found on page 4352 of the Journal, have examined the subject matter contained therein, and feel compelled to report adversely thereto, believing that the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be kept exclusively under the control and in the custody of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this body, and only to be used or attached to papers and documents emanating from his office in a legal manner. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, found on page 4342 Journal, have had the subject-matter therein contained under consideration, and find, from all the information before us, that their "Macedonian cry for help" should not be disregarded by this Grand Lodge; and believing also that it is our duty to preserve and keep in existence all the Subordinate Grand Lodges in our power so to do, therefore we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that our worthy brother, Grand Representative B. W. DENNIS, of Michigan, be, and is hereby appointed a Commissioner from this Grand Body to visit the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and to assist to the extent of his ability in reviving the Order in that State.

Resolved, That in order to carry out the spirit of the foregoing resolution there is hereby appropriated, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, to defray the expenses of the said commissioner.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the prayer of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana in behalf of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of New Orleans (found on page 4353 of the Journal,) asking this Grand Lodge to issue a duplicate charter for said Encampment, in lieu of the original, lost by the burning of the Grand Lodge Hall, July, 1866, which original was issued by this Grand Lodge, have considered the same, and offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that a duplicate charter, signed by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, for Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of that jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend article XXV. of the By-Laws, as follows: Strike out the word "only," in the first line; strike out the word "jurisdiction," in the second line, and insert the word "lodge;" after the word "jurisdiction," in the fourth line, insert the words "and lodges."

Rep. HARRIS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred so much of the report of the special committee on the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report as concerns the recommendation of the Grand Secretary to so modify the forms of returns as to "avoid the return of names of expelled and suspended members for publication," have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend that hereafter the names of *suspended* members be not published by State jurisdictions or returned to this Grand Body. The committee are

also of the opinion that those State jurisdictions who by law allow their Subordinates to *expel* brothers for non-payment of dues should so far modify their laws in this respect as to make them conform to the true spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and that hereafter expulsion for non-payment of dues be prohibited. To accomplish this object, the committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That hereafter the names of suspended members be not returned to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That State jurisdictions be directed to so amend their laws that brothers shall not be *expelled* for non-payment of dues.

THEO. A. ROSS,
R. B. MAYES,
S. H. HARRIS,
JNO. G. ROGERS,
C. D. STRONG

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee to which was referred so much of the G. Sire's report as relates to suspended and expelled members for non-payment of dues, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report, that in the opinion of your committee this very important matter should receive the earnest and careful consideration of this body. The limited time of the session prevents us from attempting to detail the statistics relative to the subject, but believing that action should be had and some means provided whereby brothers who have been suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues may regain their affiliation with us, your committee ask leave to take up the following resolutions, offered by the select committee on this subject at the last session, (found on page 4189 of the Journal,) the consideration of which was postponed to the present session, and recommend their adoption, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That it shall not be legal to expel or suspend members of this Order for the non-payment of dues.

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order failing to pay his regular dues, as required by the by-laws of such Subordinate, until the arrears thereof, exclusive of fines and assessments, are equal in amount to one year's dues, shall be dropped from the roll thereof: and he shall take rank in the Order, from and after such dropping from the roll, as an Ancient Odd-Fellow: *Provided, however*, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct.

Resolved, That any person thus dropped may be readmitted to membership, either in his former Subordinate or in any other of the jurisdictions of this Order, subject to the general and local laws regarding residence, upon application, in the same manner as may be required of a candidate for initiation; and he shall pay an admission fee, in no case to exceed the customary initiation fee provided for in the by-laws of the Subordinate to which such application may be made, and not less than the admission fee as an Ancient Odd-Fellow; and he shall take such rank only in such Subordinate as he may prove himself entitled to.

Resolved, That the provisions of these resolutions shall apply only to members of defunct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions shall have the full force and effect of positive law, and shall go into operation from and after the adoption thereof by this Grand Body. State Grand Bodies are hereby directed to

promulgate the same, for the instruction of their Subordinates, without unnecessary delay; and, further, to make all local legislation necessary to give effect hereto in their several jurisdictions.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the several State Grand Bodies, and to the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as may be practicable after the adjournment of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

L. B. HILLS,
WALTON B. HARRIS,
N. G. CUMMINGS,
E. M. RUSHA,
J. NORWOOD CLARK.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine; seconded by Reps. Ladd, of Maine; CUMMINGS, of Maine; PAGE, of Wisconsin; SHIELDS, of Alabama; BARNARD, of Alabama; CLARK, of North Carolina; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; LATHAM, of Virginia; ROBINSON, of Virginia; STRONG, of Minnesota; ESCAVILLE, of Maryland; ELLIS, of Maryland; THAYER, of South Carolina; MARTIN, of South Carolina; DUVALL, of West Virginia; BAIRD, of West Virginia; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; PAINE, of Rhode Island; MAYES, of Mississippi; BARBER, of Mississippi; McAFFEE, of Ontario; DENNIS, of Michigan; OAKES, of Michigan; MILLER, of Georgia; WOODYATT, of Ontario.

Amend article XIV., Section 2, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting the word "fifty."

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following inquiry, propounded by Rep. WHITE, of New York, to wit:

"Has the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the contingency of sickness or other causes which may arise to prevent a satisfactory or efficient discharge of official duty, the right to resign from the office when the Grand Lodge is not in session?

"If either office becomes vacant by the decease of the incumbent or inability to discharge the duties thereof, or from forfeiture of membership in the Lodge or Encampment, or because of conviction upon charges preferred, has the Grand Sire the right and power to make an appointment to fill such vacancy?"

Respectfully report, that they have given to the subject their deliberate consideration and find no provision or power, either in the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, conferred upon the M. W. Grand Sire for filling vacancies that might occur in offices of either the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend Article XV. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be styled Section 9, to wit:

The Grand Sire shall also have power to fill, by appointment, all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Grand Lodge, from resignation, sickness, or disability, or other causes, which are not provided for by the

constitution, such appointment to last until filled by election or otherwise, as provided for by law for the election or appointment of such officers.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART,
H. L. PAGE,
J. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. STRONG, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns report that, in our opinion, it is inexpedient that this committee should be under the necessity of examining all the details of the returns, and of comparing them with those of the previous year to ascertain their correctness, which is purely a clerical work requiring considerable time and close examination, and should be performed before the meeting of this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, immediately on receiving the returns from Grand Bodies and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under charters from this Grand Lodge, to cause the same to be examined, and if found incorrect to write to the proper officer of the body from whom the same was received stating the error and requesting the information necessary to make the report correct.

It should also be his duty to furnish the Committee on Returns with the Annual Reports and a statement of the errors in the reports not corrected, which shall be examined and verified by the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

C. D. STRONG,
THEO. A. ROSS,
JNO. G. ROGERS,
R. B. MAYES,
S. H. HARRIS.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the selection of a collar and jewel for Past Grand Patriarchs, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for Past Chief Patriarchs a royal purple collar, of velvet, not to exceed five inches in width, trimmed with yellow metal lace fringe and tassels, with crossed crooks, and a dove with olive branch on the face of collar, and yellow lace and fringe around, two-thirds of the length of the neck of the collar.

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for Past Chief Patriarchs a jewel of yellow metal of two-and-a-half inches in diameter, rim three-eighths inch wide, with double triangle, and rays extending from rim, and the letters P. G. P. in the centre of triangle.

E. M. RUSHA,
FRED. D. STUART,
JOHN H. BAILEY.

Rep. MAURO, of Missouri, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee have examined the correspondence submitted by the various Grand Officers charged with the duty of conducting the same.

It is a source of deep regret that the correspondence is necessarily so voluminous, and the time at our command so limited that we have not been able to bestow upon it that consideration its intrinsic merit deserves. It is a subject of congratulation, however, that the well-known character, capacity, and fidelity of those entrusted with the discharge of the onerous duty, afford a sure guarantee that it has been in all respects so conducted as to advance the material interests of the Order, secure a considerable increase to its membership, and a steadfast observance of the principles it is designed to inculcate.

The correspondence which resulted in establishing our work in the far-off land of Australia, and placing the Order there under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge on a solid basis, is peculiarly edifying. P. G. Rep. A. D. MEACHAM, of California, was appointed a special D. G. Sire to proceed to Australia, and was entrusted with the discharge of this delicate duty. Under his prudent management much seed was sown that cannot fail to yield an abundant harvest of good fruit. The M. W. Grand Sire, in his report, alludes to this happy consummation in appropriate terms, and the whole correspondence is appended thereto. It will doubtless receive the attentive consideration of the members of this body.

The correspondence instituted by the Grand Sire and conducted with the Grand Secretaries of the various Southern jurisdictions will also elicit attentive consideration. It reveals the wants, the prospects, and the hopes of our brethren of the South, who have suffered so much and so long, and yet have struggled with unimpaired faith for the establishment and prosperity of the principles of the Order. They have our sympathies, and will receive all the material aid our ability will enable us to bestow. The untiring exertions of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in this portion of their field of labor demand the highest commendation.

From every quarter the glad tidings come up to us that prosperity and happiness continue to abide with our Order. The correspondence before us shows a gratifying increase in membership, and a steadfast devotion to those principles which, in the future as in the past, will constitute our greatest strength.

Respectfully submitted.

C. G. MAURO,
E. DANA BANCROFT,
WILLIAM THAYER,
J. A. FUNK,
J. R. ADAMS.

The Lodge, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, resumed the consideration of reports of committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report, page 4354, being from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions of P. G. Sire VEITCH, page 4320, on the subject of re-admitting non-affiliated Odd-Fellows, was considered.

On motion of Rep. GUNNISON, of California, the subject was

postponed, and made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The next report, page 4356, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. BARRET, of Missouri, page 4327, on the subject of extending the oversight and protection of the Order to orphans of Odd-Fellows in every land, was considered.

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, moved to refer the whole subject to the next Session, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report of the committee and resolutions accompanying, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, page 4319, relating to regalia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4357, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4358, from the same committee, on the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Union Encampment, No. 1, of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Denver Encampment, No. 2, of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4359, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Colorado Encampment, No. 1, of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4360, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4363, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. M. Wm. HYLAND, of West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4364, being from the Legislative Committee, on the preamble and resolution of P. G. Sire VEITCH, page 4322, relating to the organization of new Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of balloting for degrees, upon the resolution of Rep. TERWILLIGER, of New York, page 4315, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4365, from the same committee, on the second decision of the M. W. Grand Sire in 1865, Journal 3812, relating to reconsidering a ballot for membership, was considered.

Rep. WOOLF, of California, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "four," in the last line of the resolution, and inserting "two," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4366, from the same committee, on the resolutions of Rep. HARRIS, of Georgia, requesting the modification of the decision of this Grand Lodge to be found in the Journal of 1865, pages 3827, 3846, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of California asking a translation of the work into the Italian language and for authority to charter Lodges to work in that language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4367, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, on the subject of conferring Grand Lodge and P. O. Degrees out of the jurisdiction of which the party is resident, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, on the conflict of laws, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, on the subject of Subordinate Lodges working in the scarlet degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4368, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, in reference to the time and mode of voting on penalties, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, on the subject of the funeral ceremony, was considered.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject.

Pending the consideration of this motion the hour of twelve having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the time of recess, to wit, the motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to indefinitely postpone the report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of the funeral ceremony.

The question being on the motion indefinitely to postpone, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, on the subject of the duration of membership in an Encampment after taking a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge, was considered.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution—

Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "twelve" months and inserting "six," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4371, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. C. E. PIERCE from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4372, from the same committee, on the appeal of P. D. G. M. GEORGE DEAN from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4374, being from the Committee on the

State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, on the subject of granting a card of clearance to a financial officer who fails to settle his accounts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered.

Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Add to the sixth decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, as found in his report, page 4240, the following words: "Except in Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges, whose by-laws make provision for changes of venue."

The question being on the adoption of the report as amended—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to strike out all relating to the fourth decision, and to report a resolution to confirm the said decision, which was agreed to, and the report as amended by the resolution of Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, was accordingly recommitted.

The next report, page 4375, from the same committee, on the inquiry of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, page 4318, on the subject of the admission of Odd-Fellows over fifty years of age by withdrawal card less than one year old, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the inquiry of Rep. GUNNISON, of California, page 4317, on the eligibility to the Noble Grand's chair of maimed members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4376, being from the Committee on Finance, on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the estimates of receipts and expenditures for the current year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4377, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. TULEY, of Indiana, on the reduction of the price of supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4379, being from the special committee on the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, page 4326, on the subject of a commission to visit the Southern jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4381, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. BANCROFT, of Massa-

chusetts, on the subject of obtaining vital statistics, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4382, from the same committe, on the resolution of Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, page 4310, concerning freedom of debate in a Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, page 4341, on the subject of balloting for degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4383, being from the special committee on the subject of Degree Lodges for the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered.

Rep. MORRISON, of Nevada, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, and that it be made the special order for that hour, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour of three having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, pursuant to the special order to that effect.

FRIDAY, September 25, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.
Present:

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| JAMES P. SANDERS..... | M. W. Grand Sire. |
| E. D. FARNSWORTH..... | R. W. Deputy Grand Sire. |
| JAMES L. RIDGELY..... | R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary. |
| JOSHUA VANSANT..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer. |
| REV. CHARLES PERKINS..... | R. W. Grand Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i> |
| JOHN S. HEISS..... | R. W. Grand Marshal. |
| JOHN P. FOSS | R. W. Grand Guardian. |
| JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..... | R. W. Grand Messenger. |

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. CHAS. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Chaplain p. t.

On motion of Rep. MACK, of Wisconsin, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair presented the following communication, with accompanying music, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

COVINGTON, Ky., September 22, 1868.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRS: The undersigned begs leave to submit to your kind consideration the enclosed music, expressly composed and set to the Odes used by the Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F.

The beautiful sentiments that breathe through those poems could not fail to find an echo in your petitioner's heart, who now looks entirely to you to decide whether he has approached in his efforts the high standard of the words that gave birth to the music.

Having become aware that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States holds the copyright of the Odes, your petitioner felt it to be his duty to withhold the music from the market until some proper arrangement might be made regarding the sale of the same. If the music be found worthy of adoption, your petitioner should like to propose either an entire sale of the plates and copyright to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the sum of two hundred dollars, or that he should furnish copies of the same at the following prices: Score and parts, \$15 per hundred; Parts alone, \$10 per hundred sets.

Having incurred an outlay of over a hundred dollars in this matter, I trust that one of these offers will meet with your kind approval.

Allow me to subscribe myself,

Very respectfully,

Your humble servant,

M. KELLER, No. 33 Fifth street.

Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and is hereby instructed to report suitable legislation to enable a brother to visit Lodges or Encampments within the jurisdiction in which he may hold membership upon a travelling card with the A. T. P. W.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to present to M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers of the Odd-Fellows' Companion, and to the publishers of the New Age, in San Francisco, California, a set of the bound volumes of the Journals of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the necessary qualifications for the office of Recording Secretary shall be service for one term in some subordinate station and having received the five degrees of the Order and the degree of Rebekah. And to be eligible to the office of Vice Grand a brother must have served one term in the office of Recording Secretary and received the five degrees of the Order and the degree of Rebekah.

On motion of Rep. BRISTOW, of Oregon, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Rep. READ, of New Jersey, after this day.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Among the many duties that devolve upon us in the varied relations we sustain to each other, and which must be discharged, but few if any partake of so painful an interest as those we owe to the dead—no moments so sacred as those which mark the hour of dissolution. The recital of any other event fails to command the same respectful attention that is accorded to the announcement of the death of a friend or a brother. This duty is now mine to perform; but in performing it there are even elements of pleasure which readily present themselves to the minds of all who had the good fortune to know and enjoy the confidence of him of whom we speak.

On the second day of June, 1868, after an illness of several months, the eyes of our beloved brother, HORATIO NELSON CLARK closed in death. I know of nothing more fit, or that will better express his whole character in a single sentence, than to say that when we deposited his lifeless remains in the sepulchre its doors closed over a man. In all the relations of life he sustained this reputation, and he went down into the grave honored by all who knew him.

The purity of his character was so conspicuous that he commanded to a very large degree the confidence of his fellow-men. This was manifested in various ways, not only in the Order, by his brethren who were bound to him by the obligations of Odd-Fellowship, but also outside of it by his fellow-citizens, who recognised his fitness for official distinction, and conferred it upon him. He was a man of clear head and warm heart, but his attachments were never so strong or his prejudices so great as to warp his judgment, or prevent him doing justice to all. In his official capacity friend and foe stood upon the same level. He knew naught but his duty, and possessed the courage to discharge it. Brother Clark connected himself with our Order when it was in its infancy, and he a young man, and for thirty-six years he maintained the character of a true Odd-Fellow, "visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead, and assisting in the protection and education of the orphan." These were offices to which he gave a willing hand. The strict performance of his duties soon led him into the path of official honors. After having filled the various offices of Franklin Lodge, No. 4, located at Cincinnati, of which he was a member, he entered the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and soon after became Grand Master of the Order in that State. At the time of his death he was a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 100. In 1844 he was Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. In 1847 he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. In all these positions he conducted himself with great credit, and the Order is to-day reaping the benefits of his wise counsel.

We to-day mourn his loss, but we mourn not as those without hope, for, though his voice is hushed in death, memory will ever cling to the many excellent qualities that adorned his character, and which we are taught will furnish a passport from our earthly Lodges to that higher and grander Lodge above, where, clothed in the regalia of Heaven, we can sing with Moses and Aaron, with Miriam and Rebekah, the songs of rejoicing forever.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: As time, with unrelenting hand, withdraws from us the history and actors of the early days of Odd-Fellowship, the wish involuntarily escapes us that their lives might have been as perennial as the remembrance of their good deeds and their active exertions in this great cause of human benefaction, but the mutability of human affairs forbids this, and the secret history of its early struggles must pass away with them and be only known, as it is handed down from generation to generation, as the traditions of our Order.

The immediate subject of these remarks, Past Grand Master JOHN W. HODGSON, departed this life on Sunday, August 9th, of this year. He was born in the city of Washington, and connected himself with the Order as a member of Central Lodge, No. 1, on the 28th of April, 1837, at which time he had just arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and had evidently sought the earliest opportunity of joining an association in which he afterwards proved so valuable a member. In August of the same year he was elected to membership in Columbian Encampment, No. 1. So much had Odd-Fellowship to contend with, in the prejudices of the people, at the time, against secret organizations, that, although this Encampment was chartered in 1834, his name stands seventh on the roll of membership, which was the amount of increase during the three first years of its existence.

After passing through the chairs in the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment he was, in 1850, elected to the highest office in the jurisdiction, and as Grand Master served with credit to himself and benefit to the brotherhood; indeed, in every position which he occupied, he commanded, as he deserved, the approbation of his brethren.

In 1853 he was elected Representative to this Most Worthy Grand Body, and served as such for six successive years, with acceptability to his constituents.

To no one in a greater degree than to JOHN W. HODGSON does the credit belong for the existence and prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in the District of Columbia. At the period when he connected himself with the Order it was composed in our jurisdiction of three Lodges, having in the aggregate one hundred and fifteen members; only one of these Lodges now remain in existence, the others, lacking that indomitable spirit which he and a few other members infused into Central Lodge, No. 1, languished for awhile and then passed away.

In all the relations of life he "acted well his part," being an untiring Odd-Fellow, an affectionate husband, a tender parent, a good citizen, and a true friend. He seems to have filled up the poet's ideal of true greatness:

"That man is great, and he alone,
Who serves a greatness, not his own,
For neither praise nor self—
Content to know and be unknown,
Whole in himself.

"He owes no homage to the sun;
There's nothing he need seek or shun;
All things are his by right;
He is his own posterity;
His future in himself doth lie;
His soul's his light.

"Lord of a lofty life is he,
Loftily living, though he be
Of lowly birth—though poor,
He lacks not wealth, nor high degree,
In state obscure."

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, moved the following, and the resolution accompanying was adopted :

I am instructed to make application to this R. W. Grand Body by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, for a duplicate charter in lieu of the original one destroyed by fire at the burning of Odd-Fellows' Hall, in New Orleans, July 4, 1866. In obedience to said instructions, I would respectfully offer the following resolution,:

Resolved, That the duplicate Charter applied for by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana be granted.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, moved the following:

WHEREAS it will advance the good and the perfect work of Subordinate Lodges to extend the term of the office of Noble Grand to twelve months :

Resolved, That the office of Noble Grand be extended from six to twelve months, and be eligible for re-election.

On motion of Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, to lay the resolution on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to discharge the order for adjournment at three o'clock to-day, and that when the Lodge adjourns to-day it will adjourn *sine die*.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out all after the word "resolved" in the resolution, and insert, after the word resolved, "that the Grand Lodge will adjourn to-morrow at twelve o'clock without day."

The question being on the amendment, it was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. SLOAN, of Missouri, rose and addressed the Lodge as follows :

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE: As the gliding years roll swiftly by we have constant monition of the uncertainty of life, of the sure decay of all that is earthly. In conformity to a long established custom, it becomes my melancholy duty to announce the death of another distinguished, devoted, and efficient co-laborer in the great mission of Odd-Fellowship.

Past Grand Representative JOHN LIBBEY, of the jurisdiction of Missouri, died at his home, in the city of St. Louis, on the 18th day of August last, "full of years and honors." It is not my desire to detain you by fulsome eulogy upon the life and character of this *good* man. Let it suffice to state that he was one of the most active and sincere members of our fraternity in the jurisdiction which I have the honor in part to represent.

Joining the Order in the year 1844, he became at once a regular attendant at the meetings of his Lodge, laboring with assiduous zeal to raise the standard of the Order *intellectually* and *morally*, and he was well qualified by nature, in both head and heart, for usefulness in this direction.

The aim of his life was to do good, and he seemed never so happy as when performing the duties often assigned him of ministering to the suffering under the care of his and other Lodges. He lived not for himself but for his race.

Such was the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren that he was for many years a representative in his State Grand Lodge, was several

years Grand Chaplain of that Body, was Grand Patriarch of his State, represented the Grand Encampment in this Body at the Sessions of 1849 and 1850, and served as Grand Scribe of our Grand Encampment from 1856 to 1868. In all the relations of life he acquitted himself with honor to himself and great benefit to others, ever illustrating the character of one who was in *earnest*.

We, of Missouri, will miss his valuable counsel and look in vain for his dignified form in our hall room, for all that was mortal of him sleeps beneath the green sward and flower wreaths of that beautiful city of the dead, "Bellefontaine" and his happy spirit, we doubt not, now enjoys the rich reward of his unselfish life here, in that haven of eternal rest beyond the cold stream of death. We who knew him best and loved him most will remember only his virtues.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That when a brother who holds a current visiting card wishes to visit a Lodge or Encampment in the jurisdiction to which he belongs, but is without the term password, or check-word, the presentation of his visiting card shall make it the duty of the presiding officer of the Lodge or Encampment to communicate to him the pass or check of the jurisdiction, after ascertaining that the person presenting is the legal holder of the card.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to get up a suitable plate for charters for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and that he furnish copies of the same to such Grand Bodies as may desire them, at such prices as will cover the cost thereof.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of selling 1,000 copies of the diplomas of membership to Bro. JOHN W. ORR, editor of the American Odd-Fellow, and fixing the price thereof.

On motion to refer the resolution to the Finance Committee—

Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, moved indefinitely to postpone the resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BOTSFORD, of Connecticut, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows :

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that I rise to announce the death of Past Grand Master and Past Representative GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, of Connecticut.

He died at his residence, in the city of Waterbury, on the 5th of June, after a painful illness of five weeks, during which time he had but few lucid moments.

Retiring from the office of Grand Master, in 1866, he was elected Representative to this Grand Body, and, in May last, the same distinguished honor was conferred on him by his Grand Encampment. In all the relations of life Brother TOWNSEND bore an irreproachable character ; of a kind and genial nature he was peculiarly fitted to enjoy the social and benevolent

features of our Order, and, by the daily practice of its principles and active participation in its work, endeared himself to all with whom he was associated. Modest and retiring in disposition, yet firm in the performance of duty, he won the confidence and respect of the community in which he lived. In his death the Order has lost a much loved and valuable member, the State a worthy citizen, the Church an esteemed Christian brother and gentleman. It is the loss of so much that was kind, and pure, and true, and noble that fills with sadness so many hearts in our beloved Order, and our only consolation is in the belief that our "loss is his eternal gain." "His good deeds and virtues will ever dwell greenly in our memories," and our heartfelt sympathies are hereby extended to his bereaved widow and little ones.

Rep. HAYNIE, of Texas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be requested to lay before this Grand Lodge a decision made by them in relation to the Relief Funds donated to the jurisdiction of the State of Texas by this Grand Body.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the subject was referred to the Grand Officers for settlement.

Rep. FORD, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on mileage and per diem be directed to report the mileage and per diem of our Chaplain, Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, as though he were present during this session, he having been detained by sickness while on his way to attend the session of this Grand Body.

Rep. HAUPT, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to have prepared a book for the purpose of the members registering their names at the Annual Session of this Grand Body.

Rep. SPRAGUE, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. BAKER, of Kansas, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That a copy of the bound Journal and other works relating to the history of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows be and are hereby presented by this R. W. Grand Body to the Library of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and also to the Portland Institute, Portland, Maine, and the Odd-Fellows Library of the District of Columbia.

Rep. GLENN, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge had upon the report of the Legislative Committee, to be found on page 3857 and 3828 of Journal of 1865, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. HAUPT, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read: "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Rep. PAGE, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the representative tax of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina for the year 1865 be and the same is hereby remitted.

Rep. DANNALS, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that the officers and members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the tenth day of September, 1869, to be conveyed thence by the Great Pacific Railroad across the continent to the said city of San Francisco. And that the mileage to be paid to the Representatives by this R. W. Grand Lodge on that occasion shall be computed from their respective homes to and from the said city of Omaha, excepting the Representatives from jurisdictions on the Pacific slope, whose mileage shall be computed to and from San Francisco. Provided, that if the said Pacific Railroad shall not be completed and running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento city by the first day of August, 1869, so that the Representatives can be conveyed through without change of cars or detention, then, and in that case, the M. W. Grand Sire shall, on that date, issue his proclamation calling the Grand Lodge to assemble in Annual Communication in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

The resolution being under consideration—

Reps. DANNALS and GUNNISON, of California, each submitted a special request on behalf of the Order in California that this invitation be accepted, accompanied with the following telegrams:

A. J. GUNNISON:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 23, 1868.

It looks favorable. Resolve to meet here or at Baltimore as Grand Sire shall order. Free pass on railroad for Representatives guaranteed us.

CHARLES N. FOX.

A. J. GUNNISON:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 24, 1868.

Templar Lodge has unanimously agreed to secure expenses of Representatives, amounting to ten thousand dollars. Invite Grand Lodge.

T. ROGERS JOHNSTON, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, the further consideration of the resolution was postponed, and the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was instructed to report an estimate of the probable increased expense of the meeting of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

Rep. WOOLF, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of California:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Encampment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby instructed to oppose the adoption of the resolutions presented by P. Grand Representative GRISWOLD, found upon pages 4189-90, relating to the suspension of members for non-payment of dues.

Resolved, That nothing in the instructions given to our R. W. Grand Representatives shall be so construed as to advocate any change in the law as it at present exists in this jurisdiction in regard to Patriarchs ceasing membership for non-payment of dues.

Rep. BURNS, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That each Grand Master and Past Grand Master, under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be entitled to a bound copy of the Journals of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. McCONNELL, of Tennessee, submitted the following paper, and asked and obtained leave to have the same placed on the Journal:

I, W. H. McCONNELL, one of the Representatives from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, most respectfully ask leave to present this my soleinn and earnest protest against the approval of the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee; that said amendments were not desired to be presented to this R. W. Grand Body for adoption, for the reason that said amendments were not to be final, but only to remain binding until the armies of the hostile forces should be removed from Tennessee, which has now been done.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, held in the city of Mobile on the 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th of February, 1868, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representative of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and he is hereby, instructed to urge upon that Body the necessity of some legislation by which Ancient Odd-Fellows shall be held amenable to the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Lodge in which they may reside for any violation of the laws of the Order.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee having been instructed to report suitable legislation to enable a brother to visit Lodges and Encampments within the limits of the jurisdiction in which he may hold membership upon a travelling card and the A. T. P. W., recommends the adoption of the following, being Article XXV. of our By-Laws, amended so as to provide for the object contemplated:

"The A. T. P. W. is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong; but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have re-

ceived it in good faith for said primary purpose; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions be properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular deputies should also be in possession of it." Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
THOMAS T. SMILEY,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Rep. JOHN JOHNSON, of Memphis Lodge, No. 6, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, respectfully report:

That the Grand Lodge of the United States having at its present session approved the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which forms the subject matter of the appeal, your committee respectfully ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

W. A. SHIELDS,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.
R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOHN W. CARTER.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommitted the report on the decisions made by the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess of the Grand Lodge, as amended by the resolution of Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, page 4404, with instructions to confirm also the fourth decision, your committee therefore, in obedience to such instructions, recommend that all of the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, as reported in his annual report, be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
H. L. PAGE,
WM. E. FORD,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my painful duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the death of P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. HENRY L. RUCKER, of the State of Illinois.

We the members of this Grand Lodge heard with profound regret and sorrow of the death of Bro. RUCKER, and feel that it is due to the Grand

Lodge, as well as to the memory of the deceased, to place upon its records the evidence of the estimation in which its members hold the purity of his life, his devotion to the principles of this Order, and the profound sorrow with which the Fraternity has been impressed by this sad event. Bro. RUCKER was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 6th of December, 1809; was educated at Augusta College, in that State; studied law, and was early admitted to the bar. But, after a short practice of his profession, he was for a while Professor of Mathematics in Woodward College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and subsequently a deputy clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of that city, for a period of three years, under General Harrison, late President of the United States. He located in Chicago in 1837, and was successively clerk of the municipal court, justice of the peace, and Judge of the County Court, in all of which offices he served with honor to himself and gave entire satisfaction to the people. As a civil officer, he was capable, faithful, and popular.

Bro. RUCKER was initiated as a member of Duane Lodge, of Illinois, No. 11, in April, 1847; served as Secretary, Vice Grand, and Noble Grand of his Lodge. At the session of 1851 he was elected Grand Master, and at the expiration of his term was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and attended its sessions in 1853 and 1854.

He was an active, untiring, and influential member of Duane Lodge from the time of his initiation, and of the Grand Lodge for many years. The records of his own Lodge and the Journals of this Grand Lodge bear testimony of his high standing in the Order, and of the confidence and love of his brethren. Our Order has had few members more zealous, devoted, and energetic. And we, his late colleagues, feel that we are the better men for having enjoyed his friendship and counsel, and that this humble tribute is but due to his memory.

The hour of ten having arrived, fixed by special order for the consideration of the report of the Legislative Committee, page 4354, on the resolutions of P. G. Sire VEITCH, on the subject of readmitting non-affiliated Odd-Fellows, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of that subject.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution—

Rep. GUNNISON, of California, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next session.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. GUNNISON, of California, to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, with accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

*Yea*s.—Reps. Bailey, Baird, Bancroft, Barber, Barnard, Barret, Clark of Iowa, Clark of North Carolina, Cohen, Cummings, Damon, Dennis, Doull, Dowden, Durham, (2 votes,) Ellis, Escavaille, Evans, Fitzhugh, Force, Foulk,

Garey, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Glenn, (2 votes,) Harris of Georgia, Havenner, (2 votes,) Haupt, Hayden, Hacker, Herr, Hide, Homes, Horn, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, Ladd, Lamberton, McConnell, (2 votes,) Maris, Marley, Mauro, Mayes, Miller, Nungesser, Oakes, Perkins, Ransom, Rogers, Rusha, Russell, Shields, Simpson, Sloan, Smith of Illinois, Smith of W. Virginia, (2 votes,) Sprague, Stokes, Strong, Stuart, Thayer, White, Wright—67.

Nays.—Reps. Adams, Atwood, Barron, Blair, Botsford, Bristow, Burns, Burton, Carter, Dannals, Davis, Dowdall, Elder, Fithian, Funk, Garwood, Gunnison, Harris of Connecticut, Hills, Latham, Leech, Mack, Morrison, Page, Robinson, Spring, Tuley, Viele, Woolf—29.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the next special order, to wit, the report of the special committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 4383.

Pending its consideration, the hour of twelve having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of the recess, to wit, the consideration of the report and resolutions accompanying the special committee on the Degree of Rebekah, page 4383.

The question being on the motion to adopt the report and accompanying resolution—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, asked for a division of the question, and the question being on the adoption of the report and first resolution accompanying, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yea.—Reps. Atwood, Baker, Barber, Barnard, Botsford, Bristow, Burns, Carter, Cohen, Cummings, Damon, Dannals, Davis, Dennis, (2 votes,) Doull, Dowdall, Dowden, Durham, Escavaille, Evans, Fithian, Force, (2 votes,) Ford, Funk, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Glenn, Harris of Connecticut, Havenner, (2 votes,) Hacker, Herr, Hide, Hills, Horn, Johnson, Kingsbury, Ladd, Leech, McAtee, (2 votes,) McCarty, McConnell, (2 votes,) Mack, (2 votes,) Mayes, Page, Perkins, Ransom, Richardson, (2 votes,) Rogers, Ross, Russell, Shields, Smiley, Smith of Illinois, Smith of West Virginia, Spring, Strong, Stuart, Thayer, Venable, Viele, White, Woolf—69.

Nays.—Reps. Adams, Bailey, Baird, Bancroft, Barret, Clark of North Carolina, Duvall, Ellis, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Garwood, Harris of Georgia, Haupt, Hayden, Lamberton, Latham, Maris, Marley, Mauro, Miller, Nungesser, Robinson, Rusha, (2 votes,) Simpson, Stokes, Sloan, Wright—28.

The question being on the second resolution accompanying the report, it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, by unanimous consent, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS Article XVI Section 4, of the Constitution provides that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction requires it, a resolution may be passed, by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present, at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction, applying therefor, the right to re-admit to membership, within its jurisdiction, "upon such terms as it may prescribe," suspended members, &c.

Query—Do the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe" refer to the jurisdiction to whom such power is granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; DUVALL, of West Virginia; DURHAM, of Kentucky; FITHIAN, of Ohio; and SLOAN, of Missouri, from and after this day.

The Lodge now, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, resumed the consideration of reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 4384, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolutions of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Alabama, and Wisconsin, on the subject of initiating a person who had lost an arm, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4385, being from the special committee on the subject of the introduction of our work in Australia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4386, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, page 4352, on the subject of Ancient Odd-Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4387, being from the special committee on the subject of Book of Forms, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions accompanying—

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by inserting after the word "have" in the first line the words "the same," and by striking out all after the word "the," where it occurs in the second line in the second resolution, and inserting the words "revised edition of the Digest."

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the third resolution, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, it was stricken out.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions, as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, page 4388, being from the Committee on Ap-

peals, on the appeal of Mount Libanus Encampment, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4392, being from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4394, being from the special committee on the subject of an Odd-Fellows' flag, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions, Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend by inserting at the end of the seventh line in the first resolution the following: "and the name of the State, District, or Territory using it," which was agreed to.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved further to amend by adding after the letters "I. O. O. F., " and the letters "F. L. T." may be inserted in the links, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, with accompanying resolutions, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of Lyman T. Moore, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution—

Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, moved to strike out the word "not," in the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and accompanying resolution, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, page 4342, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4396, from the same committee, on the petition of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana for duplicate charter for Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of that State, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on Returns, on the subject of publishing the names of suspended and expelled members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4397, being from the special committee on the subject of suspended and expelled members, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions—

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, asked a division of the question.

The question being on the first resolution—

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows—strike out all after the word “resolved,” and insert—

That no member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall be suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues, but all members who shall become one year in arrears for dues shall be dropped from membership; provided, however, that no member shall be thus dropped while under charges for misconduct. Any member so dropped from membership may, within one year after he is dropped, be reinstated upon payment of one year's dues, by a vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. If more than one year shall elapse before such application is made, the application shall be referred to a committee, who shall investigate and report, as in the case of an application for initiation; and it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to reinstate such applicant.

The provisions of this resolution shall apply to all persons heretofore suspended or expelled for the non-payment of dues.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution—

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 4398, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry of Rep. WHITE, of New York, on the subject of vacancy in the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered, and the report, together with the amendment to the By-Laws proposed accompanying, was unanimously adopted.

The next report, page 4399, being from the Committee on Returns, on the subject of correcting returns, was considered, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

The next report, same page, being from the special committee on the subject of collar and jewel for Past Grand Patriarchs, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 4400, being from the Committee on Correspondence, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendments to the Rules of Order and By-Laws on the printed Journal.

The first amendment, page 4369, to the Rules of Order, in relation to the appointment of Standing Committees, proposed by Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted, as follows:

Amend Rules of Order by striking out all after the word “committees” in the first line, and insert “to wit: Committee on the State of the Order, Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, Committee on Finance, and

Committee on Appeals, each to consist of nine members, four of whom shall constitute a quorum; Committee on Correspondence, Committee on Constitutions, Committee on Petitions, Committee on Returns, and Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, each to consist of seven members; Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and Committee on Printing, each to consist of five members."

The next amendment proposed, page 4379, being to the twenty-second article of the By-Laws, was considered, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment proposed, page 4396, being to the twenty-fifth article of the By-Laws, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the amended By-Law—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. VENABLE, of Kentucky, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The speeial committee appointed to consider that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report in regard to the Public Press, beg leave respeetfully to report, that they heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Sire in reference to the employment of the public press as an ageney for advaneing the interests of the Order. We believe that notices of time and place of meeting published in the local papers would eneourage punctual attendance in the Lodges; would be a standing invitation to visitors, and keep Odd-Fellowship before the public mind. We also believe that a liberal support should be afforded *our own Press* by the brethren of the Order, and in this opinion we are further sustained by the views so well expressed in the report of our R. W. Grand Secretary. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

J. W. VENABLE,
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

On motion of Rep. HILLS, of Wisconsin, the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day was suspended for the remainder of the session, and the report and resolution accompanying was considered and adopted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following preamble and query, propounded by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to wit:

WHEREAS Article XVI., Seetion 4, of the Constitution provides that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdic-

tion requires it, a resolution may be passed, by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present, at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction "upon such terms as it may prescribe" suspended members, etc.

Query, Do the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe" refer to the jurisdiction to whom such power is granted?

Respectfully report: That upon a careful examination of the provision of the Constitution referred to, they are of the opinion that it refers to the State jurisdiction to which such power is granted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
FRED. D. STUART,
WM. E. FORD,
H. L. PAGE.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved that the vote had this day, adopting the report of the Legislative Committee, page 4354, prescribing rules for the admission of non-affiliated members, be reconsidered, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now being on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee, page 4354, and the resolution accompanying, relating to the admission of non-affiliated members—

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to refer the whole subject to the consideration of the next session, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered, and the resolution accompanying adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of M. Keller, accompanied by a catalogue of music set to the odes used by the Order, requesting this Grand Lodge to purchase the copyright thereof, &c., have examined the same, and, although we believe there is merit in the music referred to, yet we are of the opinion that it would be impracticable at the present time to comply with the request contained in the application. We, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN H. WHITE,
C. W. DANNALS,
S. S. DAVIS.

Rep. RANSOM, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, who were instructed to make an approximate estimate of the probable mileage, should the Grand Lodge accept the invitation from the jurisdiction of California to meet in San Francisco, paying mileage to Omaha, would respectfully report:

In estimating the distance to be travelled by the Representatives, we have taken the capitals of the respective States as the starting point in the case of those from the Eastern States, and those on the Pacific coast from their residences to San Francisco, and estimate that the whole number of miles travelled to Omaha will be 122,411. The number of miles travelled this year to Baltimore, as per the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem is 111,367, to which will doubtless next year be added for Colorado about 2,300, making a total of 113,667, showing the excess to be 8744 miles.

In case it be practicable to meet in San Francisco next year, then, of course, should the Grand Lodge decide to meet in Baltimore, the mileage of the Representatives from the Pacific coast would be calculated via St. Louis. This would make a saving on the mileage for said Representatives of 21,504 miles; hence the difference in the mileage between Baltimore and Omaha would be 30,248 miles.

HIRAM VEILE,
A. K. RANSOM,
F. R. FORCE,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. F. HAVENNER.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Reps. SLOAN, of Missouri; MARIS, of Delaware; Rogers, of Illinois.

Amend Article XVI., Section 4, by striking out the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe," and insert the words "upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe."

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be allowed to Brother J. F. SCHWEITZER for services as Janitor, rendered during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

C. A. LOGAN,
JOHN H. BAILEY,
F. BOTSFORD,
J. B. McCARTY.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, seconded by Reps. DANIEL FITHIAN, of Ohio; L. K. BARBER, of Mississippi; JOHN H. WHITE, of New York; THEO. A. ROSS, of New Jersey.

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States by inserting the words "Most Worthy" after the words "name, style, and title," in Article I., Section 1.

Rep. DANNALS, of California, moved that the Lodge now proceed to consider the invitation extended to it, to hold its next annual session in San Francisco, which was agreed to.

The subject being under consideration—

On motion of Rep. ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution all matters affecting the "work of the Order" shall be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order; all matters of construction of written law shall be referred to the Judiciary Committee; and all matters looking to new legislation shall be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS circumstances may arise in the progress and spread of Odd-Fellowship throughout this jurisdiction which might warrant the extension of pecuniary aid and encouragement to those engaged in starting and building up new Lodges and Encampments by the friendly aid and assistance of the olden Lodges and Encampments to the petitioning brothers which would be of incalculable good to the Order; therefore,

Resolved, That donations made to assist petitioning Brothers or Patriarchs by the parent or other Lodges and Encampments for the purpose of instituting new Lodges or Encampments is allowable, and is in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, That in the consideration of such action by the parent Lodges and Encampments, it is recommended that the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction be consulted with as to its propriety.

Rep. DAVIS, of New Hampshire, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, it was determined in the affirmative.

The hour of three having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, pursuant to the order to that effect.

SATURDAY, September 26, 1868—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.
Present:

JAMES P. SANDERS.....M. W. Grand Sire.
 E. D. FARNSWORTH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
 JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 REV. CHARLES PERKINS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
 JOHN S. HEISS.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
 JOHN P. FOSS.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, having examined the Representatives, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge open for business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. CHAS. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*, as follows:

Most holy and glorious Lord God, supreme architect of the universe, and Father of all humanity, we, thy humble servants, and subjects of thy providential and gracious care, would humbly approach thee with grateful thanksgiving for thy preservation and guidance of us the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge during the very interesting and important session soon to be closed. We now pray thy blessing so to rest upon and abide with each one of this Grand Body, that they may exhibit continuous and growing evidences of a useful, good, and noble life. And we pray that such a life may, by thy special blessing, be the inheritance of each and every, even the humblest member of our beloved Order. Do Thou give to those in authority over us wisdom, discretion, and firmness, and to all in subordinate stations, obedience, faithfulness, and zeal, so that upon our noble Order may abide the beauty of harmony, the glory of grand achievements, securing to each member of the Order, through the mercy of God, a clear and certain hope of blissful life beyond the night of the grave. Hear Thou in heaven this our prayer, and the praise shall be to our Heaenly Father, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

On motion of Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. VIELE, of Ohio, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with accompanying table, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith present a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem allowed each Officer and Representative, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present session, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

HIRAM VIELE,
 A. H. RANSOM,
 FRANK R. FORCE,
 HUGH LATHAM,
 J. F. HAVENNER.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES. 4425

| NAMES. | PROFESSION. | TOWN. | STATE. | TOTAL. | |
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| | | | | Mileage. | Per diem. |
| GRAND OFFICERS. | | | | | |
| M. W. G. Sire, James P. Sanders... | Lawyer... | Yonkers | New York | \$20 | \$36 00 |
| R. W. D. G. Sire, E. D. Farnsworth. | Insurance Agent... | Nashville | Tennessee | 913 | \$56 30 |
| R. W. G. C. & R. S., Jas. L. Ridgely. | Farmer... | Baltimore | Maryland | ... | 127 30 |
| R. W. G. Treas., Joshua Vansant... | Hat Manufacturer. | Baltimore | Maryland | ... | ... |
| R. W. G. Chap., I. D. Williamson... | Clergyman. | Cincinnati | Ohio | 588 | 94 80 |
| R. W. G. Marshall, John S. Heiss... | Dentist... | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania | 98 | 45 80 |
| R. W. G. Guardian, John P. Foss... | Merchant... | Chicago | Illinois | 802 | 116 20 |
| R. W. G. Mess., J. E. Chamberlain. | Messenger to G. L. | Baltimore | Maryland | ... | ... |
| REPRESENTATIVES. | | | | | |
| Adams, Joseph B... | Postmaster... | Portsmouth | New Hampshire | 474 | 83 40 |
| Atwood, Julius... | Judge Pro. C... | East Hadden | Connecticut | 216 | 67 60 |
| Bailey, John H... | Lawyer... | Pittsburg | Pennsylvania | 334 | 69 40 |
| Baird, George... | Medical Doctor... | Wheeling | West Virginia | 379 | 73 90 |
| Baker, F. P... | Editor and Publ'er. | Topeka | Kansas | 1284 | 164 40 |
| Bancroft, E. Dana. | Railroad Agent... | Groton Junet'n | Massachusetts | 406 | 76 60 |
| Barber, L. K... | Lawyer... | Woodville | Mississippi | 1262 | 162 20 |
| Barnard, T. S... | Merchant ... | Mobile | Alabama | 125 | 148 50 |
| Barret, J. W... | Editor... | Canton | Missouri | 1057 | 141 70 |
| Barron, Q. H... | Farmer... | Fox Lake | Wisconsin | 957 | 131 70 |
| Blair, F. J... | Cabinet Maker... | Peru | Indiana | 701 | 106 10 |
| Botsford, Frederick. | Manufacturer... | New Haven | Connecticut | 262 | 62 0 |
| Bristow, E. L... | Merchant ... | Eugene city | Oregon | 680 | 716 60 |
| Burns, William P... | Merchant ... | Oregon city | Oregon | 669 | 705 60 |
| Burton, J. G... | Farmer... | Rupert | Vermont | 387 | 74 70 |

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Carter, John W... | Magistrate | Cincinnati | Ohio | 588 | \$58 | 80 | \$36 00 | \$94 80 |
| Clark, J. Norwood | Merchant | Iowa city | Iowa | 1039 | 6 | 103 | 00 | 139 90 |
| Clark, W. H... | Manufacturer | Elizabeth city | North Carolina | 250 | 6 | 25 | 00 | 61 00 |
| Cohen, Albert | Watch Maker | Little Rock | Arkansas | 1438 | 6 | 143 | 80 | 179 80 |
| Cummings, Nat. G. | Inspector of Cust's. | Portland | Maine | 531 | 6 | 53 | 10 | 89 10 |
| Damon, George | Merchant | Tallahassee | Florida | 1072 | 6 | 107 | 20 | 143 20 |
| Dannals, C. W... | Merchant | Sweetland | California | 6048 | 6 | 604 | 80 | 640 80 |
| Davis, S. S... | Manufacturer | Nashua | New Hampshire | 426 | 6 | 42 | 60 | 78 60 |
| Dennis, B. W... | Miller | Byron | Michigan | 674 | 6 | 67 | 40 | 103 40 |
| Doull, Robert | Merchant | Pictou | Lower Provin's | 1058 | 6 | 105 | 80 | 141 80 |
| Dowdall, Joseph | Insurance Agent | Columbus | Ohio | 512 | 6 | 51 | 20 | 87 20 |
| Dowden, M. S... | Sheriff | Lexington | Kentucky | 689 | 6 | 68 | 90 | 104 90 |
| Driscoll, John F... | Grand Secretary | Warren | Rhode Island | 387 | 6 | 38 | 70 | 74 70 |
| Durham, M. J... | Lawyer | Danville | Kentucky | 725 | 5 | 72 | 50 | 102 50 |
| Duvall, J. H... | Adjutant General | Wellsburg | West Virginia | 395 | 5 | 39 | 50 | 69 50 |
| Elder, C. P... | Merchant | Denver city | Colorado | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Ellis, F. A... | Lawyer | Elkton | Maryland | 52 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 41 20 |
| Escavaille, Joseph B. | Grand Secretary | Baltimore | Maryland | ... | 6 | 102 | 80 | 36 00 |
| Evans, Thomas D... | Deputy Clerk | Fairfield | Iowa | 128 | 6 | 58 | 80 | 138 80 |
| Fithian, Daniel | Cashier | Cincinnati | Ohio | 588 | 5 | 159 | 5 | 88 80 |
| Fitzhugh, E. H... | Lawyer | Richmond | Virginia | 177 | 6 | 17 | 70 | 45 90 |
| Force, Frank R... | Clerk | Newark | New Jersey | 420 | 6 | 42 | 00 | 53 70 |
| Ford, W. E... | Keeper Pub. Lib'y. | Boston | Massachusetts | 70 | 6 | 7 | 00 | 78 00 |
| Foulk, William H. | Builder | Wilmington | Delaware | 694 | 6 | 69 | 40 | 43 00 |
| Funk, Joseph A... | Merchant | Warsaw | Indiana | ... | ... | ... | ... | 105 40 |

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| NAMES. | PROFESSION. | TOWN. | STATE. | Mileage. days in atten- dance. | Per diem. | TOTAL. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Garey, H. F..... | Lawyer..... | Baltimore..... | Maryland..... | \$585 | \$36 00 | \$36 00 |
| Garwood, George M..... | Merchant | San Francisco..... | California..... | 432 | 36 00 | 621 30 |
| Gilmore, Dexter..... | Lawyer..... | Utica..... | New York..... | 5 | 30 00 | 73 30 |
| Glenn, John B..... | Cashier | Bloomfield..... | Iowa..... | 1110 | 36 00 | 147 00 |
| Gunnison, A. J..... | Lawyer..... | San Francisco..... | California..... | 5853 | 36 00 | 621 30 |
| Harris, S. H..... | Printer..... | New Haven..... | Connecticut..... | 262 | 20 00 | 62 20 |
| Harris, W. B..... | Lawyer..... | Columbus..... | Georgia..... | 967 | 70 00 | 132 70 |
| Hastings, Jr., S..... | Manufacturer..... | Leavenworth..... | Kansas..... | 1310 | 60 00 | 167 00 |
| Havener, John F..... | Merchant | Washington..... | Dist. Columbia..... | 40 | 4 00 | 40 00 |
| Haupt, Jos. L..... | Mechanic | Savannah..... | Georgia..... | 777 | 70 00 | 113 70 |
| Hayden, Charles..... | Shoe Dealer..... | Boston..... | Massachusetts..... | 420 | 60 00 | 78 00 |
| Haynie, Jas. A..... | Merchant | Lagrange..... | Texas..... | 1966 | 60 00 | 232 60 |
| Hacker, Jonas..... | County Treasurer..... | Brownsville..... | Nebraska..... | 1310 | 36 00 | 167 00 |
| Herr, H. S..... | Justice of the Peace..... | Bloomington..... | Illinois..... | 910 | 60 00 | 127 00 |
| Hide, John F..... | Clerk..... | Nashville..... | Tennessee..... | 913 | 36 00 | 12 30 |
| Hills, L. B..... | Lawyer | Madison..... | Wisconsin..... | 940 | 40 00 | 130 00 |
| Homes, Luther..... | Blacksmith..... | New Orleans..... | Louisiana..... | 1316 | 60 00 | 167 60 |
| Horn, John H..... | Foreman..... | Lambertville..... | New Jersey..... | 146 | 60 00 | 50 60 |
| Johnson, Amos..... | Expressman | Boston..... | Massachusetts..... | 420 | 60 00 | 78 00 |
| Kingsbury, Jr., Benjamin..... | Judge | Portland..... | Maine..... | 531 | 60 00 | 89 10 |
| Ladd, C. K..... | Lumber Dealer..... | Portland..... | Maine..... | 531 | 60 00 | 89 10 |
| Lamberton, Robert A..... | Lawyer | Harrisburg..... | Pennsylvania..... | 85 | 50 00 | 44 50 |
| Latham, H. N..... | Agent | Alexandria..... | Virginia..... | 47 | 70 00 | 40 70 |
| Leech, Eric J..... | Attorney..... | Keokuk..... | Iowa..... | 1352 | 20 00 | 141 20 |
| Logan, C. A..... | Medical Doctor..... | Leavenworth | Kansas..... | 1310 | 60 00 | 167 60 |

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| | | | | Mileage. | Per diem. |
| Love, A. E. | Book Keeper.... | Windsor.... | Ontario.... | \$59 50 | \$95 50 |
| McAfee, Henry.... | Auditor of State.... | Indianapolis.... | Indiana.... | 70 00 | 106 00 |
| McCarty, T. B.... | Farmer | Connellsville.... | Tennessee . | 973 6 | 133 30 |
| McConnell, W. H.... | Printer | Washington.... | Dist. Columbia. | 40 6 | 40 00 |
| McLean, Wm. R.... | Merchant | Milwaukee.... | Wisconsin.... | 887 6 | 124 70 |
| Mack, H. S.... | Lawyer | Wilmingtton.... | Delaware.... | 70 6 | 43 00 |
| Maris, Joshua.... | Shoe Manufacturer. | Baltimore.... | Maryland.... | 6 6 | 36 00 |
| Marley, Richard.... | Merchant | Charleston.... | South Carolina. | 627 6 | 98 70 |
| Martin, Jos. G.... | Lawyer | St. Louis.... | Missouri | 931 6 | 129 10 |
| Mauro, C. G.... | Lawyer | Yazoo city.... | Mississippi.... | 1121 6 | 148 10 |
| Mayes, Robert B.... | Mechanic.... | Savannah.... | Georgia.... | 777 6 | 113 70 |
| Miller, C. C.... | Miner.... | Virginia.... | Nevada.... | 6137 6 | 649 70 |
| Morrison, Geo. H.... | Restaurant.... | New Orleans.... | Louisiana.... | 1316 6 | 167 60 |
| Nungesser, Geo.... | Merchant | Corunna.... | Michigan.... | 680 6 | 104 00 |
| Oakes, Wm.... | Broker.... | Milwaukee.... | Wisconsin.... | 897 6 | 124 70 |
| Page, H. L.... | Carpenter.... | Woonsocket | Rhode Island.... | 392 6 | 75 20 |
| Paine, Daniel N.... | Clergyman.... | Illinois.... | Kentucky.... | 815 6 | 117 50 |
| Perkins, Charles.... | Life Insurance Co.... | Mount Holly.... | New Jersey.... | 589 6 | 94 90 |
| Ransom, A. H.... | Mechanic | Covington.... | Texas.... | 120 4 | 36 00 |
| Read, Samuel.... | Editor.... | Galveston.... | Virginia.... | 1616 6 | 217 60 |
| Richardson, William.... | Receiver of Taxes. | Lynchburg.... | Illinois.... | 218 6 | 57 80 |
| Robinson, J. H.... | Lawyer.... | Chicago.... | New Jersey.... | 802 6 | 116 20 |
| Rogers, J. G.... | Accountant . | Newark.... | Louisiana.... | 177 6 | 53 70 |
| Ross, Theodore A.... | Merchant | New Orleans.... | New Orleans.... | 1316 6 | 167 60 |
| Rusha, E. M.... | | | | | |

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| NAMES. | PROFESSION. | TOWN. | STATE. | TOTAL. | |
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| | | | | Mileage. Per diem. | Days in atten- dance. |
| Russell, Jacob..... | Cashier..... | New York city..... | New York..... | \$18 60 | \$54 60 |
| Shields, W. A..... | Printer..... | Mobile..... | Alabama..... | 112 50 | 148 50 |
| Simpson, J. Alexander..... | Lawyer..... | West Philadel. | Pennsylvania..... | 9 70 | 45 70 |
| Sloan, E. M..... | Grand Secretary..... | St. Louis..... | Missouri..... | 93 15 | 123 10 |
| Smiley, Thomas T..... | Lawyer..... | Nashville..... | Tennessee | 913 6 | 127 30 |
| Smith, J. C..... | United States As'r. | Galena..... | Illinois..... | 973 6 | 133 30 |
| Smith, John F..... | Magistrate..... | Middleway..... | West Virginia..... | 100 6 | 46 00 |
| Sprague, Jonathan..... | Taylor..... | Ann Arbor..... | Michigan..... | 64 20 | 100 20 |
| Spring, J. L..... | Lawyer..... | Milford..... | New Hampsh'e | 43 70 | 79 70 |
| Stokes, John W..... | Lawyer..... | Philadelphia..... | Pennsylvania..... | 9 80 | 45 80 |
| Strong, C. D..... | Merchant | St. Paul..... | Minnesota | 128 20 | 164 20 |
| Stuart, Fred. D..... | Clerk State Senate. | Washington..... | Dist. Columbia..... | 4 00 | 40 00 |
| Terwilliger, James..... | Bank Officer..... | Syracuse..... | New York..... | 39 90 | 57 90 |
| Thayer, William..... | Merchant | Charleston..... | South Carolina..... | 62 70 | 98 70 |
| Tulcy, Charles P..... | Clergyman..... | Bloomington..... | Indiana..... | 75 10 | 111 10 |
| Venable, J. W..... | Versailles | Versailles | Kentucky | 70 40 | 106 40 |
| Viele, Hiram..... | Miller..... | Akron..... | Ohio..... | 47 30 | 83 30 |
| White, John H..... | Lawyer..... | Albion..... | New York..... | 47 40 | 77 40 |
| Woodyatt, James..... | Town Clerk..... | Brantsford..... | Ontario..... | 49 10 | 85 10 |
| Woolf, D. B..... | Merchant | Santa Cruz..... | California..... | 593 80 | 629 80 |
| Wright, A. J..... | Recorder of Deeds. | Felton..... | Delaware | 12 80 | 24 80 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | 111,367 | \$11,136 70 |
| | | | | | \$4009 00 |
| | | | | | \$15,144 70 |

The hour fixed for the consideration of the special order, to wit, the resolution of Rep. DANNALS, of California, page 4412, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to that subject, as follows:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that the officers and members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the tenth day of September, 1869, to be conveyed thence by the Great Pacific Railroad across the continent to the said city of San Francisco. And that the mileage to be paid to the Representatives by this R. W. Grand Lodge, on that occasion, shall be computed from their respective homes to and from the said city of Omaha, excepting the Representatives from jurisdictions on the Pacific slope, whose mileage shall be computed to and from San Francisco. Provided, that if the said Pacific Railroad shall not be completed and running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento city by the first day of August, 1869, so that the Representatives can be conveyed through without change of cars or detention, then, and in that case, the M. W. Grand Sire shall, on that date, issue his proclamation calling the Grand Lodge to assemble in Annual Communication in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 4413, being from the Legislative Committee, on the use of the A. T. P. W. within the jurisdiction from which the card emanates, was considered.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, to lay the subject on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution, it was agreed to.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. JOHN JOHNSON, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the meeting of the next annual session at San Francisco, and to enable the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to get up his report in time, that each State Grand Body be and is hereby required to have its annual report in the hands of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of August,

1869, and that such Grand Bodies as do not hold their annual sessions till after that day, be and are hereby required to transmit the same to him within five days after the close of their annual session.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the price of the new revised and enlarged edition of the Digest, with the forms authorized to be added thereto, be fixed at two dollars per copy.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem*, G. Rep. C. PERKINS, be requested to furnish a copy of the prayer delivered by him at the opening of this morning's session, to be published in this day's proceedings.

Rep. LOGAN, of Kansas, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That in recognition of the efficient services of the M. W. Grand Sire, J. P. SANDERS, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby requested to procure his portrait, to be placed in the gallery of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in his retirement from the office, the duties of which he has so ably and satisfactorily performed, the Past Grand Sire bears with him the very best wishes of this Grand Body, both in its collective and individual capacity.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a copy of the Revised Digest and addition thereto, ordered at this session, be furnished, when published, to each member of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That all officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall wear the jewels of their office during the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, to reconsider the vote just had, laying on the table the resolution of Rep. RUSHA, of Louisiana, it was agreed to, and the question being on the motion to lay on the table, it was not agreed to. and the resolution was adopted.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, from the special committees on that subject, made the following report, and laid on the table the accompanying amendment to the Constitution :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution submitted by Rep. WOODYATT, and found on page 4204 of the Journal, providing for a change in the name of this Grand Lodge, ask leave to report that they have given the subject such careful examination as its importance seems to require, and have considered it under three heads or queries:

First. Is a change in the name of the Grand Lodge necessary, advisable, or expedient?

Secondly. If yea, what should the name be? and—

Thirdly. If determined upon, when should the proposed amendment go into effect?

The arguments in favor of the change seem to be, first, that the actual jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge having already extended beyond the territorial limits of the United States, embracing the dominion of Canada and the British Provinces, while further extension whereby the continent of Australia is to be annexed is already provided for, its name should be such as will properly represent the full extent of its legislative and judicial authority, and the unlimited agency it proposes to exercise in the promulgation of the great principles of the Order. Secondly. That prejudices in the minds of worthy and intelligent citizens of other countries existing because of the limited territorial and political character of the present name, will be removed, and the increase of membership and the extension of an influence greatly facilitated. However *advisable*, for these considerations, a change of the name of this Grand Body at the proper time may be, your committee do not see in them any urgent present necessity for the change proposed; and we therefore do not deem it expedient to suggest any change to take effect at a very early date.

In considering the subject with all the arguments before us, plausible as they do in truth appear, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the Order as heretofore established outside of the territorial limits of the United States has not always maintained a successful existence. While it is true that the Lodges in Ontario, or Canada West, have continued their work successfully for the last thirteen or fourteen years, it is equally true that prior to 1855 they had almost become extinct. And if the Order in the Lower Provinces is now in an improved condition, we are induced to think it is fairly to be attributed, in part, at least, to the labors of the Special Commissioner whom the Grand Lodge found it necessary within the last two years to send to that jurisdiction. What the result of the enterprise in Australia will be remains to be ascertained.

Prudence would, therefore, seem to forbid any inconsiderate or hasty action at this time. If the previous want of stability in Lodges heretofore instituted in any other country has been in any manner attributable to the limited territorial and political character of the name of this Grand Body, and a change therein will aid the brotherhood in these outside jurisdictions in filling up their Lodges and extending their operations and influence, the assurance that at some future time when the condition of the Order in those jurisdictions shall be of so permanent a character as to justify it, and the Grand Lodge can, without too heavy an expenditure of means, make the necessary provision for it—the change shall take place—ought, in the judgment of the committee, to be satisfactory to those who desire the change proposed.

The information received by the committee leads them to the conclusion that a change at the present time would be very inexpedient in a pecuniary point of view.

Another reason for delay is the necessity for a change in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge, which can only be effected by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and as the Legislature of that State does not

meet again until January, 1870, such alteration in the charter cannot sooner and may not then be secured.

In view of all these considerations, your committee have deemed it the wiser course to prepare and submit an amendment to the Constitution, so framed as to provide for a change of the present name to one which seems to be acceptable to all with whom they have conversed, if a change is to be made—but postponing its operation until such time as will secure a satisfactory test of the reasons for and against a change.

We therefore respectfully submit the annexed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

F. A. ELLIS,
JOHN G. ROGERS,
J. B. ADAMS,
C. G. MAURO,
JAS. WOODYATT.

Amend Article I, section 1 of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872,) by striking out in the second line the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."

Amend Article XVII. of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872) by striking out at the end of the article the words "the Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting the words, "the Supreme Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the consideration of the report was postponed until the next annual session.

Rep. ESCAVILLE, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to communicate, by circular, to the several State Jurisdictions, as early after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge as practicable, the amended Article XXII. of the By-Laws upon the subject of the Regalia of the Order.

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That, the necessities of the case requiring it, the privileges accruing under Section 4 of Article XVI. of the Constitution, as amended at the session of 1865, are hereby extended to the Jurisdiction of Colorado until further ordered.

On motion of Rep. STUART, of District of Columbia, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

By Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, seconded by Reps. BARBER, of Mississippi; Ross, of New Jersey; GAREY, of Maryland; DOWDEN, of Kentucky.

Amend the proposed amendment to the Constitution offered by the committee by striking out the word "Grand" after the word Supreme.

Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. Rogers, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, of New Haven; WOODYATT, of Ontario.

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872, by striking out in the second line the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge."

By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. ROGERS, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, of New Hampshire; Woodyatt, of Ontario.

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872) by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" at the end of the article and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that the bond of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was on file with the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, having been approved by himself and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as required by law.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation, to wit:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented for installation by P. D. G. Sire II. L. PAGE, of Wisconsin, and P. G. THOS. T. SMILEY, of Tennessee.

The Deputy Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. M. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, and P. G. M. LOGAN, of Kansas.

The R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary elect will be presented by P. G. M. LEECH, of Iowa, and P. G. M. KINGSBURY, of Maine.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer elect will be presented by P. G. M. ROBINSON, of Virginia, and P. G. M. Maris, of Delaware.

P. D. Grand Sire E. D. FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee, M. W. Grand Sire elect, having been presented by P. D. Grand Sire H. L. PAGE, of Wisconsin, and P. G. THOS. T. SMILEY, of Tennessee, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. FRED. D. STUART, of District of Columbia, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, was presented by P. G. M. J. W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, and P. G. M. C. A. LOGAN, of Kansas, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by P. G. M. E. J. LEECH, of Iowa, and P. G. M. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, Jr., of Maine, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by P. G. M. J. H. ROBINSON, of Virginia,

and P. G. M. J. MARIS, of Delaware, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers :

- R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky.
- R. W. Grand Marshal, J. W. ORR, of New Jersey.
- R. W. Grand Guardian, J. W. SMITH, of Connecticut.
- R. W. Grand Messenger, JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Lodge, the nominees were conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire, retiring, then addressed the incoming Grand Lire and the Lodge in most affectionate and eloquent language, and surrendered the chair and gavel to his successor.

The M. W. Grand Sire, E. D. FARNSWORTH, on taking the chair, addressed the Lodge as follows :

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: In accepting the exalted and honorable position which your partiality has conferred upon me, I do it with a realizing sense of the great responsibilities belonging to it. It is an office which, however much it honors the individual upon whom it is conferred, brings with it a vast amount of care and labor, and calls for the exercise of much patient thought in the discharge of its manifold duties. It requires the cultivation of every moral principle, that men may be taught by precept and example what Odd-Fellowship is, what are its objects and its aims.

Sincerely acknowledging my many deficiencies, I would earnestly ask the charity of the brethren for errors in judgment, while I declare my purpose to labor unweariedly for the promotion of the interests of our great fraternity.

All sections and jurisdictions are entitled to and shall receive due attention. It must, however, be apparent to every member of this Right Worthy Body that the necessities of the Order in some of the Southern jurisdictions require particular attention. The ravages of the late unhappy and terrible contest cannot soon be remedied. The misfortunes of our brethren demand our warmest sympathy, and I trust it will be manifested by *word* and *deed*, by the liberal response of material aid and comfort to those who truly need or ask assistance.

Many Lodges and Encampments in the South have been utterly destroyed, and their records gone, scattered to the four winds. Hundreds of our brethren have been impoverished, stripped of all available property or means, and forced to commence life anew; hundreds more (perhaps I should rather say thousands) have perished upon the battle field or from disease, and multitudes of widows and orphans, deprived of their natural protectors, are struggling with poverty in its most distressing forms. Their eager gaze is turned toward those more favored portions of the land which have escaped the desolating consequences of grim visaged war, and where they have been so often told the fruits of Odd-Fellowship are abundantly seen. Let us not coldly turn from this mute appeal to our sympathies, but whenever and wherever opportunity offers gladly contribute according to our abilities to the suffering members of our widely extended family.

Representatives, I deem it quite unnecessary to remind you on this occasion of the individual duties devolving upon you—duties which each must discharge for himself, or fail to receive from his brethren the plaudit of well done good and faithful servant. That each should do his individual duty is

essential to the integrity of the whole. As members of our great family, as legislators, as the chosen honored representatives of your various respective jurisdictions, you are, of course, well versed in the knowledge of your duties and obligations as Odd-Fellows. I trust that the hours spent together here, in deliberating and legislating for the common welfare of our Order, will have such an influence on your minds and hearts that when you return to the Grand Bodies of your respective jurisdictions you will be prepared to submit to them a true and impartial account of the action of this Right Worthy Body. Give such example and encouragement to those you represent as will stimulate them to new and increased exertions, so that the judgment passed upon your acts in future time shall be creditable to you as the legislators of a fraternity foremost among the charitable institutions of the world.

Representatives, thanking you from my heart for the distinguished honor conferred upon me in my election to the first office in the Grand Lodge of the United States, I again announce my determination to labor earnestly for the promotion of the great principles we profess, and for the building up of the noble institution so dear to our hearts. May I not expect to have your cordial co-operation in the great cause of mercy and humanity.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor! We bless Thy holy name for all the mercies and benefits bestowed upon us, from the beginning of our lives to the present time. Especially do we thank Thee for the fraternal intercourse we have recently enjoyed, and for the peace and harmony which have attended our deliberations for the welfare of our great brotherhood. We ask Thy blessing upon our widely extended Order. Grant that all the members thereof may be faithful in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them. May we strive earnestly to practice the Golden Rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. Look with tender compassion upon the widows and orphans, and all who are afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate. Comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities and raise up friends for them in the time of trouble.

And now, that we are about to depart to our widely separated homes, we invoke Thy divine protection during the perils and dangers of travel. Conduct us in peace and safety to the loved ones who anxiously await our coming; and when at length our work on earth is accomplished, may we enter Thy heavenly kingdom with the welcome greeting; Well done, good and faithful servants! "Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

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| Arkansas—P. G. P. O. HOOPER. | Little Rock. |
| Nebraska—P. G. M. ST. JOHN GOODRICH. | Omaha. |
| Florida—ASA B. CLARK. | Tallahasse. |
| Ontario—P. G. JAMES WOODYATT. | Brantford. |
| Colorado Ter'y—P. G. P. C. P. ELDER. | Denver City. |
| New Mexico—P. G. WILLIE SPEGELBERG. | Santa Fe. |
| Montana— | |

* Died October 19, 1861.

|| Died November 11, 1858.

¶ Died December 12, 1861.

† Died August 15, 1844.

§ Died July, 1858.

** Died December 14, 1865.

‡ Died September 19, 1837.

†† Died September 5, 1865.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges as far as the same has been ascertained.

MARYLAND.

J. Q. A. Herring, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
 Joseph B. Escavaille, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.
 Meets annually at Baltimore on the third Monday in the month of April.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Levi F. Warren, M. W. Grand Master.....Salem.
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.
 Meets semi-annually at Boston, unless otherwise ordered, on the first Thursday in February and August.

NEW YORK.

George J. Gardner, M. W. Grand Master.....Syracuse.
 Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. G. Box 838.. New York.
 Meets at the City of New York on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday of August in the year 1869.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Peter B. Long, M. W. Grand Master.....Philadelphia.
 Wm. Curtis, R. W. Grand Secretary, 146 N. Sixth street.. Philadelphia.
 Meets semi-annually at Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in the months of May and November, the former being the Annual Session.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Byron A. Kidder, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington.
 P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 922....Georgetown.
 Meets at Washington on the second Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, and in annual meeting on the second Wednesday in November.

DELAWARE.

John D. Rodney, M. W. Grand Master.....Georgetown.
 Edward McIntire, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.
 Meets annually at Wilmington on the second Wednesday of October.

OHIO.

James A. Semple, M. W. Grand Master.....Milford.
 William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.
 Meets annually. Next year at Marietta on the second Tuesday of May.

LOUISIANA.

E. M. Rusha, M. W. Grand Master.....New Orleans.
 Josiah Folger, R. W. Grand Sec'y, Lock Box No. 383....New Orleans.
 Meets semi-annually on the fourth Tuesday of January and July each year.

NEW JERSEY.

Robert W. Mull, M. W. Grand Master.....Trenton.
 John O. Raum, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 147....Trenton.
 Meets annually at Trenton on the Third Wednesday in November.

KENTUCKY.

W. T. Curry, M. W. Grand Master.....Harrodsburg.
 William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.
 Meets annually at Louisville on the fourth Tuesday in October.

VIRGINIA.

John T. Redman, M. W. Grand Master.....Norfolk.
 Wm. J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Richmond.
 Meets annually. Next meeting to be held at Petersburg on the Wednesday after the second Monday in April, 1869.

INDIANA.

John T. Sanders, M. W. Grand Master.....Jeffersonville.
 E. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.
 Meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November.

MISSISSIPPI.

Samuel C. Cochran, M. W. Grand Master.....Canton.
 John B. Dicks, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Natchez.
 Meets annually at Jackson on the first Monday after the fifteenth day of July.

MISSOURI.

H. H. Bodeman, M. W. Grand Master.....St. Louis.
 Ewing M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Louis.
 Meets annually at St. Louis on the third Tuesday in May.

ILLINOIS.

J. Ward Ellis, M. W. Grand Master.....Chicago.
 Samuel Willard, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Springfield.

CONNECTICUT.

C. C. Jackson, M. W. Grand Master.....Ansonia.
 Lucius A. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.....New Haven.
 Meets annually at New Haven on the third Wednesday in May.

TEXAS.

James A. Haynie, M. W. Grand Master.....Lagrange.
 J. W. Bradford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.
 Meets yearly at Galveston on the first Monday in February, at 8 o'clock P. M.

TENNESSEE.

Hervey Brown, M. W. Grand Master.....Jackson.
 R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.
 Meets annually at Nashville on the first Wednesday after the last Monday in October.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Thomas N. Simons, M. W. Grand Master.....Charleston.
 John H. Honour, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Charleston.
 Meets annually at Charleston on the third Wednesday in January.

ALABAMA.

W. B. Wood, M. W. Grand Master..... Florence.
 Stuart B. Cayce, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Mobile.
 Meets annually at Mobile on the first Monday of each February.

NORTH CAROLINA.

R. A. Caldwell, M. W. Grand Master..... Salisbury.
 J. W. Gulick, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Goldsboro.
 Meets at Tarboro on the third Tuesday in July, 1869.

GEORGIA.

James Lachlison, M. W. Grand Master..... Savannah.
 W. M. Riley, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Macon.
 Meets annually at Macon on the first Wednesday in August.

MAINE.

N. H. Colton, M. W. Grand Master..... Bangor.
 Orin B. Whitten, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Portland.
 Meets annually at such place as the R. W. Grand Lodge may designate
 on the second Tuesday in August. Next session will be held in Portland.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

True Osgood, M. W. Grand Master..... Concord.
 Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Manchester.
 Meets this year at Keene on the second Wednesday in October, being the
 14th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

MICHIGAN.

S. H. Blackman, M. W. Grand Master..... Paw Paw.
 B. Verner, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Detroit.
 Meets annually at such place as Grand Lodge designates on the third
 Wednesday in January. This year at Lansing, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

WISCONSIN.

H. F. Hubbard, M. W. Grand Master..... Manitowac.
 L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Madison.
 Meets annually at Milwaukee on the third Wednesday in January.

VERMONT.

George H. Clark, M. W. Grand Master.....
 John S. McFarland, R. W. Grand Secretary.....

IOWA.

Will P. Sharp, M. W. Grand Master..... Ottumwa.
 William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Burlington.

ARKANSAS.

Peter Burgman, M. W. Grand Master..... Little Rock.
 Thomas R. Welch, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Little Rock.
 Meets annually at Little Rock on the first Wednesday of November.

RHODE ISLAND.

George H. Olney, M. W. Grand Master..... Hope Valley.
 John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Warren.
 Meets annually at Providence on the first Tuesday in August.

FLORIDA.

John B. Galbraith, M. W. Grand Master.....Tallahassee.
 Charles H. Fisher, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Tallahassee.

Meets annually at Tallahassee on the Wednesday after the first Monday in January.

MINNESOTA.

C. C. Conell, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilton.
 Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Paul.

Meets annually on the first Wednesday in June. Next session will be at Owatonna, June 2d, 1869.

CALIFORNIA.

C. S. Haswell, M. W. Grand Master.....Sacramento.
 T. Rogers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....San Francisco.
 Meets at San Francisco on the fourth day of May, 1869.

LOWER PROVINCES B. N. A.

John Matheson, M. W. Grand Master.....Albion Mines.
 A. M. Fraser, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Pictou.
 Meets at Albion Mines on the first Tuesday of February, 1869.

ONTARIO.

John Barr, M. W. Grand Master.....Hamilton.
 Josiah B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brantford.
 Meets annually. Next session at Hamilton on the first Wednesday in August, 1869.

OREGON.

Silas J. Day, M. W. Grand Master.....Jacksonville.
 Chester A. Terry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salem.
 Meets at Salem on the third Tuesday in May, 1869.

NEBRASKA.

George H. Burgert, M. W. Grand Master.....Nebraska City.
 John Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary, Lock Box 22.....Omaha.
 Meets in annual session at Omaha on the third Tuesday in October, 1868.

KANSAS.

H. D. McCarty, M. W. Grand Master.....Leavenworth.
 Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth.
 Next session at Ottawa second Tuesday in October, 1869.

WEST VIRGINIA.

William Wilan, M. W. Grand Master.....Martinsburg.
 Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Fairmont.
 Meets annually at Martinsburg on the fourth Tuesday in April.

NEVADA.

John S. Kaneen, M. W. Grand Master.....Virginia City.
 Wm. N. Hall, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Gold Hill.
 Meets annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June, and will meet next year at Virginia City.

COLORADO.

R. G. Buckingham, M. W. Grand Master.....Denver.
 J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nevada.
 Meets at Central City on the third Tuesday in October, 1868. Meets annually at such place as the Grand Lodge shall designate on the third Tuesday in October of each year.

LIST

Of Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, time and place of meeting of the several Grand Encampments as far as the same has been ascertained.

MARYLAND.

Caleb W. Greenfield, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

Meets semi-annually at Baltimore on the first Mondays of April and October.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Maurice Firm, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....
Wm. Curtis, R. W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. sixth street.....Philadelphia.

Meets semi-annually at Philadelphia on the Monday preceding third Tuesday in the months of May and November.

NEW YORK.

Elijah White, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Ogdensburg.
Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838....New York.

Meets annually at the City of New York on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday of August, in the year 1869.

OHIO.

James Turner, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dayton.
Wm. M. Hubbell, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Cincinnati.

Meets in annual session at Cincinnati on the first Tuesday in May, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

KENTUCKY.

Peter Beall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Covington.
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

Meets annually at Louisville on the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in October.

VIRGINIA.

George R. Head, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Leesburg.
Wm. J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Richmond.

Meets annually at Richmond, (next year at Petersburg,) on the day after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which meets the Wednesday after the second Monday in April, 1869.

CONNECTICUT.

James E. Bidwell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Middletown.
Lucius A. Thomas, R. W. Grand Scribe.....New Haven.

Meets annually at New Haven on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in May.

NEW JERSEY.

Daniel J. Pierman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Newark.
John O. Raum, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

Meets annually at Trenton on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in November.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

T. W. Holwell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Charleston.
 John H. Honour, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Charleston.

Meets annually at Charleston on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in January.

MASSACHUSETTS.

George H. Stickney, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Haverhill.
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

Meets annually at Boston, (unless otherwise ordered,) on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in August.

MAINE.

James E. Haseltine, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portland.
 Edward P. Banks, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

Meets annually at such place as the R. W. G. Encampment may designate. Portland on the second Tuesday of August, 1869.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Jonathan O. Strattan, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dover.
 Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

MISSOURI.

Robert J. S. Wise, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....St. Joseph.
 Albert G. Trevor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Louis.

Meets annually at St. Louis on the first Thursday after the third Tuesday in May.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Thos. W. Fowler, M. W. Grand Patriarch, No. 340 5th st... Washington.
 Charles B. R. College, R. W. G. Scribe, 6th Aud. office... Washington.

Meets semi-annually on the fourth Monday evenings of January and July in Washington.

GEORGIA.

George N. Nichols, M. W. Grand Patriarch,.....Savannah.
 S. W. Grubb, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Atlanta.

Meets annually at Macon on the first Tuesday in August.

INDIANA.

W. M. French, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Indianapolis.
 E. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

Meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November.

MICHIGAN.

John N. Ingersall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Corunna.
 B. Verner, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Detroit.

Meets annually at such place as Grand Encampment may designate. Next session at Lansing on the Tuesday next before the third Wednesday in January, at 7 o'clock P. M.

TENNESSEE.

Charles B. Hall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Nashville.
 R. H. Barry, R. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

Meets annually at Nashville on the last Monday of October.

MISSISSIPPI.

R. B. Mayes, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Yazoo City.
 John B. Dicks, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Natchez.

Meets annually at Jackson on the first Monday after the 15th day of July.

LOUISIANA.

J. T. Winnemore, M. W. Grand Patriarch, Lock Box 70..New Orleans.
W. C. Wilson, R. W. Grand Scribe, Lock Box 383.....New Orleans.

Meets semi-annually on the fourth Wednesday in January and July of each year.

ALABAMA.

George Peacock, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Selma.
James H. Mathews, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Mobile.
Meets annually at Mobile on the first Tuesday in February.

DELAWARE.

David W. Thompson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Henry Clay Factory.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.
Meets semi-annually at Wilmington—the semi-annual meeting on the second Tuesday in April and the annual meeting on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in October.

WISCONSIN.

Dennis S. Morse, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Fox Lake.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.
Meets annually at Milwaukee on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in January.

RHODE ISLAND.

Henry H. Cruman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Providence.
John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Warren.
Meets annually at Providence on the Monday before the first Tuesday in August.

ILLINOIS.

James S. Ticknor, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Rockford.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Peoria.
Meets in the City of Quincy October 12, 1869.

IOWA.

Orlando McCraney, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....McGregor.
Wm. Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

TEXAS.

George Robinson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Huntsville.
J. W. Bradford, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston.
Meets yearly at Galveston on the first Monday in February.

CALIFORNIA.

Charles N. Fox, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....San Francisco.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....San Francisco.
Meets at San Francisco on the first Monday in May, 1869.

WEST VIRGINIA.

T. S. Spates, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Clarksburg.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.
Meets at Martinsburg on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1869.

KANSAS.

David P. Winget, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Leavenworth.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.
Next annual session at Ottawa second Tuesday in October, 1869.

EXPULSIONS

FROM THE ORDER, DURING THE YEAR 1867-8.

LODGES.

MARYLAND.—C. Fisher, for unbecoming conduct; John B. Hopper, for fraud; M. Foutz and R. H. Small, for intoxication; S. H. Wentz, H. J. B. Smith, J. W. Blades, D. G. Jones, and W. F. A. Coyle, for contempt.

MASSACHUSETTS.—By Lodge No. 11, William Mathews, for theft; 25, Alfred H. Clark, forgery; 30, John Goodwin, embezzlement of Lodge funds, and Harvey B. Lawrence, dishonesty; 83, Edwin M. Littlefield, drunkenness and deserting his family; 122, Isaac Binks, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 128, John R. Briggs, drunkenness.

NEW YORK.—By Lodge No. 1, E. A. Lopez, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; G. Castanito, crime of arson. 4, Joseph Jacoby and Morris Newman, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows; 7, George M. Cowan, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 13, William Brunner, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 14, Frederick Grim, swindling; 15, Luther Bingham, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 23, Chas. Kueling, abusing the benevolence of the Order; E. F. Rooney, contempt; 34, Augustus Duzenburg, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 39, George Nelson, felony, 48, John Donnelly, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 61, D. W. Halleck, convicted of larceny; 68, James Bradess, contempt; 77, S. H. Bogardus, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 80, John E. Roe, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 85, John O. Farington, habitual drunkard; 124, Clark M. Wait, contempt of Lodge; 144, John Eihinger, contempt of Lodge; 151, P. G. D. W. Anderson, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 153, D. P. Giles, petty larceny; 155, William Jurgens, attempt to swindle; 165, T. W. Russell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 171, Henry Brandon; 178, Stephen A. Bonne, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

PENNSYLVANIA.—By Lodge No. 7, Philip Juengst and Gustavus Seidel, contempt; 11, J. Wilson Farley, imposing on the Lodge; 15, Mark Strauss, conduct unbecoming, keeping a house of ill-fame; 20, Isaac Moore, George Driver, and Charles Boehm, drunkenness; 21, Henry Loesch, violation of by-laws; 26, Nathan Longhead, desertion of family and conduct unbecoming; 32, Ephraim Balliel, exposing work of the Order and selling liquor without a license; 45, Ernest Bank, drawing benefits illegally and mania a potu; 54, George Henry, improper conduct; 60, Wm. H. Geiger, intoxication; 67, Jacob Helb, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 71, John Zinger,

drunkenness ; 80, Samuel Robinson, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming ; 81, John Jamison and Morgan Hayes, using funds of the Lodge ; 86, Christopher Welden, drunkenness and disorderly conduct ; 91, Solomon W. Seites, intemperance and contempt ; 95, John Beck, Henry Winter, Wm. Lanfer, John F. Dietrich, Jacob F. Zeh, Philip Hertzig, and P. G. Christian Heyland, all for improper conduct ; 96, Andrew Schroth, defrauding a brother, and Edwin Price, disgraceful conduct ; 97, John Dipple, intemperance ; 100, F. K. Donnelly, improper conduct ; 106, Henry Frary, immorality ; John Basler, violating laws of the United States ; 108, J. R. Russell, drunkenness ; 111, Josiah Walter, violation of laws of the Order ; 113, Clement M. Wilson, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, in using a sick brother's benefits ; 124, R. C. Duttera, making false answers to Conductor at initiation, he being a suspended member of another Lodge ; 158, George Schoelkopp, defalcation ; 173, B. F. Brown, improper conduct, and W. C. Folnot and Miller Ickes, drunkenness ; 175, P. G. R. S. Taylor, defrauding the Lodge ; 204, Charles Naylor, improper conduct ; 226, Ernest Miller, habitual drunkenness ; 231, Simon Schuller, drunkenness ; 251, Jacob Wileman, contempt ; 255, Joseph Chaplin, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 263, Joseph Eckersley, contempt ; 264, Samuel Everett, intemperance ; 269, Joseph Moore, contempt ; 279, Israel Critz and B. F. Halensbauchi, improper conduct , 283, L. M. Goldsmith, contempt ; 288, Martin V. B. Wike, bigamy ; 306, Nathan Brignal, for drinking and adulterating stimulants while visiting a sick brother ; 314, P. G. Albert H. Knapp, circulating false reports against two brothers ; 320, James F. Becker, drunkenness ; A. J. Reeseman, defalcation ; and Charles E. Wolf and Daniel McClain, adultery ; 327, Albert Kohler, larceny ; 329, Charles Morris, contempt ; 334, David S. Hess, obtaining goods under false pretences ; 344, P. G. A. W. Streeter, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 346, Alphonso Le Roy, drunkenness ; 356, J. W. Wilson, contempt ; 360, James Irwin, obtaining money under false pretences ; 362, Wm. Aston, bad conduct ; 365, George L. West, violation of by-laws ; 366, James W. Wigginton, desertion of family and attempt at fraud ; 368, B. F. Hartman, unbecoming conduct ; 379, Wm. Challinger, contempt ; 382, Daniel Bixler, bad conduct and intemperance, and John A. J. Mack, violation of obligation ; 385, Joseph Sawyer, defrauding a sister Lodge ; 388, J. D. Guthrie, violation of obligation and perjury ; 391, Reuben F. George, drunkenness and contempt ; 403, Charles F. Burkhardt, contempt ; 414, Jacob Polkman, immoral conduct ; 431, J. M. Crisinger and Wm. Fowler, conduct unbecoming ; 445, L. L. Moore, contempt ; 449, P. G. G. H. Bieber, drunkenness ; 472, Joseph A. Heffner, violation of obligation ; 473, Wm. H. Decker, divulging secret work ; 474, John Kane, misconduct ; 486, Philip Ulrich, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 489, Henry Jones, drunkenness ; 491, Lewis D. Piper, deserting his wife and contempt ; George Underwood, abusing his wife ; and Thomas Houssman, contempt ; 508, Tobias S. Clapp, contempt ; 511, James McDivitt, disorderly and unbecoming conduct and seduction ; 512, John Jones, defrauding a brother ; 531, Edwin Rogers, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 533, John S. Updepoor, drunkenness ; 536, John Armbruster, keeping an unlicensed house ; 538, George Richards, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 541, Elias Best, sodomy ; 543, Benjamin K. Fisher, refractory conduct ; 551, George B. Kelil, defrauding the Lodge and contempt ; 554, Henry Cozad, drunkenness and neglecting his family ; 555, James S. Penny, drunkenness ; 559, Wilson Scott, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; 562, John Charlton, contempt , 563, John D. Baum and Charles Yohe, immoral conduct and contempt ; 564, W. W. Robins, contempt ; 573, James L. Rich, swindling ; 575, Samuel Entisle, drunkenness ; Charles Bartholomew, defrauding and belying the Lodge and unbecoming conduct ; Jacob Laub, defrauding the Lodge and unbecoming conduct ; 586, C. H. Kerr, contempt ; 589, A. B. Fisher, defrauding brothers ; 594, Wm. T. Cutter, bigamy ; 598, H. B. Foucht, drunkenness and debauchery.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—By Lodge No. 12, Patrick Larney and Peter J. Newman, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows.

DELAWARE.—By Lodge No. 12, Wm. Kennard Lutton, unbecoming conduct; 18, Joseph Snape, unbecoming conduct; 22, Stephen McGovern, unbecoming conduct; 23, E. J. Hancock, receiving benefits for sickness caused by immoral conduct.

OHIO.—By Lodge No. 2, W. H. Ray; 3, Elias Hecht, Matthew Thompson; 6, Wm. Walker, John Mahon; 8, P. G. Samuel Gordon; 21, V. B. Stevens; 24, George B Fairbanks; 28, Wm. P. Parrish; 38, J. J. Wuest; 42, Wm. Childs, Benjamin Bowers, P. G. W. H. Farnham; 47, James Crawford; 54, E. B. Maloney; 59, P. G. E. W. Fowler; 63, Dennis McHugh; 96, Fred. Saxon, Levi M. Willits; 98, Michael Cline; 111, John Mast, Jr.; 112, P. G. John T. Webster; 130, John S. Baker, Edgar M. Marsh; 145, Thomas Eipper; 158, Isaac W. Allen; 178, P. G. W. H. Barnes; 193, Wm. Cole; 194, George Clancy; 195, George Stellman; 197, Robert Willoughby; 204, A. Vanansdle; 207, Jacob Barr; 208, Jacob Vondenfange; 211, James Abbott; 212, J. H. Kennedy; 222, Ignatius Beiler; 233, John Minich; 238, M. P. Kuhn; 240, Nicholas Hein; 247, Horatio Agenbrood; 243, W. H. Hadley; 246, Samuel Laird; 252, F. W. Spreen; 263, Gurdin Woodruff, Millard Duell; 264, J. H. Strong; 284, Jacob C. Smith; 285, John B. Staples; 287, James M. Wherry; 299, George Bayliss; 303, Wm. Shepherd, 304, Wm. Engelman, Frank Roseher, P. G. Henry Dilsher; 312, J. R. Pickett; 328, J. H. Hosman; 331, W. H. H. Knisely; 332, John E. Hauley; 343, Lewis C. Barnes; 347, George Chadwick; 344, H. S. Burson; 345, P. G. Aaron Aldrich; 349, M. S. Bunyan; 352, Wm. Siniff; 355, Thomas H. Townsend; 358, Fred. Topf; 359, Wm. Gordon; 363, J. S. Riley; 368, D. H. Hadley; 373, Allen T. Thompson; 376, Philip Goldmier; 380, John McMartin.

LOUISIANA.—By Lodge No. 17, John Palsey, contempt of the rules and regulations of the Order; F. Otto, for fraudulent representation by which he gained admission into this Lodge and the Order; 22, P. K. O'Connor, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 40, John Edwards and Jacob Bachinger, conduct unbecoming Odd-Fellows.

NEW JERSEY.—By Lodge No. 1, Henry J. Franks, drunkenness; Joseph Spence, contempt; 16, Peter Pepler, fraud and deceit; John H. Budrauff, proposing a candidate knowing him to be under age; 18, Charles J. Owens, intoxication; 20, John Donaldson, fraud and conduct unbecoming; 22, William A. Sampson, counterfeiting; 30, Charles B. Ely, contempt; 31, Robert W. Kelly, conduct unbecoming; 40, Philip Gautiere, selling liquor to minors and conduct unbecoming; 46, John Higgins, defrauding the Lodge; 52, William H. Williams, bad conduct; 54, John B. Shaw, barnburning and contempt; William B. Grover, having immoral and criminal intercourse with an unmarried woman; 66, George W. Bartlett, conduct unbecoming; 73, Gilbert Vanderbeck, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; 114, Edward M. Rake, intoxication; 117, Samuel J. Berrian, swindling.

KENTUCKY.—By Lodge No. 1, J. S. Williamson, claiming and receiving benefits to which he was not entitled; 2, L. S. Moxley, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 11, John Shuter, for living in adultery; 22, C. L. Conover, intemperance; 24, John Kron, acting dishonestly in secretly removing his goods for the purpose of defrauding his creditors; 25, John D. Palmer, con-

duct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 27, Charles G. Cady, gross intoxication; 31, J. R. Hayes, drunkenness; 44, E. O. Hawkins, intoxication; 54, W. J. Lewis, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow in gross and unworthy treatment of a brother; 55, R. B. Green, drunkenness; 68 D. H. Giggen, habitual drunkenness; 71, William Porter, bad treatment of his family and drunkenness; 72, John W. Baldwin, drunkenness; 81, F. Hahlin, misusing his family; 91, T. M. Purson, drunkenness; 99, S. B. Greenfield, habitual drunkard; 118, R. P. Steinbergin, falsehood and preparing false charges; B. F. Steinbergin, attempting to wrong the Lodge out of \$20.50 while acting as Secretary; 135, Professor M. J. Elerton, intemperance and exposing the secrets; J. A. Barbour, shooting and killing a man; 142, Jasper Beauling, drunkenness and cohabiting with prostitutes; 156, D. R. Camden, misappropriating Lodge funds; Abraham De Waol, attempting to destroy himself, thereby throwing a charge and burthen on the Lodge and receiving benefits for sickness occasioned by his own imprudence and vice; 164, J. Leanway, lying and speaking of what transpired in the Lodge; 146, William Lunberg, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

VIRGINIA.—By Lodge No. 9, Frederick S. Dashiell, obtaining money from a brother under false pretences; 10, Cornelius Pech, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 16, S. C. Taylor, drunkenness; A. J. Griffin, drunkenness; 105, P. J. Wren, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 136, John Charlton, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

INDIANA.—By Lodge No. 2, W. N. Sargent, contempt in not answering to a charge of habitual intoxication; 3, W. H. Downs, gambling and aiding and abetting in keeping a faro bank; 9, Joseph Schelling, drunkenness; 7, W. H. McLaughlin, drunkenness; S. L. Friesbaugh, breach of promise of marriage and seducing a brother's daughter; J. H. Stonebreaker, wishing a brother after death to be in hell and using licentious liberties with a brother's wife; 22, John H. Smith, theft and concealment of stolen goods; 23, Eli Beroman, defrauding brothers and others; 25, W. J. Plummer, contempt; 28, Christ. Lang, obtaining money under false pretences, lying, and drunkenness; Jonathan C. Applegate, violating his obligations as an Odd-Fellow; 39, Edward Updegraff, drunkenness and abuse of family; 41, James Shannon, licentiousness; 42, Thomas Blackburn, selling liquor to a common drunkard against the remonstrances of his wife; 44, Thomas J. Foss, habitual intoxication; 45, Joseph D. Taylor, drunkenness, borrowing money and leaving without giving notice to his creditors; S. T. Clark, habitual drunkendess; A. C. Richards, defrauding a brother and deceiving the Lodge; 46, Martin S. Wert, selling liquor in violation of law and harboring lewd women; John H. Gamble, breach of trust; 51, William Merry, contempt; 59, William M. Watkins, attempting to defraud a brother; 62, Jacob Bybee, abandoning his family, and defrauding brothers and other parties; 65, W. H. Smock, stealing; 72, Wm. Benson, absconding from his family; 76, Elliot Winscott, drunkenness; 83, Thomas Beasly, intoxication; 92, John Gormly, drunkenness and abuse of his family; 99, John H. Swain, adultery, defrauding brothers and deserting his family; 100, Samuel Wolf, breach of trust; 105, Ross Lunken, drunkenness; 110, William J. Wilson, licentiousness and falsely stating that the Lodge furnished him money to defend him in a murder trial; Robert R. Braxton, making indecent proposals to a lady; Jacob Arnold, habitual intoxication; 117, Charles W. White, breach of trust and falsehood; 118, Charles Backer, bad conduct in a public house; Fred. Rind, slandering a brother; 123, John G. Harden, defrauding brothers; E. N. Jeffers, lying; 131, M. Doll, abusing a brother; 136, Ne'son Burgess, habitual intoxication; 144, A. Michle, violating the laws of the State and de-

frauding a brother; 145, James H. Gorden, entering the Lodge while intoxicated; 151, A. S. Cole, selling whiskey in violation of the laws of the State and keeping lewd women about his place of business; C. Kempler, drunkenness; 158, Thomas Jones, contempt; 161, E. A. Grigg, deserting his family and defrauding brothers; George W. Chowch, defrauding brothers and others; 166, F. M. Williamis, drunkenness, fighting, and riotous conduct; 170, Henry Jacobs, forgery, defrauding brothers and the Lodge; 174, J. T. Landry, drunkenness and contempt; 177, Eli P. Laverty, entering the Lodge intoxicated; William Smith, bastardy; Brison Carter, drunkenness. 183, W. E. Hauffman, contempt; 189, C. Shiff, adultery; 199, Simon Renk, leaving his family and living with another woman, and assault on a brother; 202, John T. Vickard, stealing; William F. White, habitual intoxication; 204, John Heins, drunkenness and contempt; 205, Miles J. White, forgery; 216, George H. Fry, abusing his family; 224, George Jones, contempt, refusing to defend a charge for defrauding a brother; C. P. Tice, defrauding a brother; 225, Henry Martin, contempt, fighting, and swindling a brother; 228, Theodore Bruback, abusing a brother and misusing the name of the Order; 229, Mathias Lutz, fighting and contempt; 233, W. E. Carter, keeping a billiard table, and thereby tempting the youth; H. L. McRoberts, absconding and defrauding brothers; 235, John S. Mitchell, assault and battery on a brother; 245, J. H. Smith, habitual intoxication and violating State law; 254, J. R. Woods, abandoning his family and defrauding brothers; 256, John W. Sabin, divulging secrets of the Order; 257, Conrad Schwartz, illicit intercourse with his brother's wife; 279, Wm. C. Nichols, breach of trust.

MISSISSIPPI.—By Lodge No. 10, J. Williams, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 19, A. J. Simons and W. B. Lucas, unbecoming conduct; 82, W. L. Kirtland, defaming a brother.

MISSOURI.—By Lodge No. 3, Jos. E. Wilkerson, concealing stolen goods; 12, Chas. M. Boyd, abuse of family; 23, Eli McDaniel, drunkenness; 35, Louis Danzer, drunkenness; 39, John Homan, swindling; 44, H. Wuir, unbecoming conduct; 45, G. M. Jaques, contempt and forgery; 52, R. N. Featherston, drunkenness; 71, F. M. Jones, false pretense and falsehood; 86, Wm. Gross, refusing to aid sick brother; 96, Abraham Lindsay, unbecoming conduct; J. L. Ilgenfritz, slander; 109, Fred. Ketler, drunkenness; F. Wegand, unbecoming conduct; 113, A. H. Bryson, unbecoming conduct; 114, Lewis Hunter, contempt; 121, Wash. Roberts, drunkenness; 123, O. H. Griswold, rape; 124, John Gigus, contempt; 128, Gotlieb Slosberg, unbecoming conduct; 129, Jonathan Bryant and Henry C. Bryant, falsehood; 143, J. T. Beach, contempt; 153, A. C. Bartholow, defrauding brothers; 154, E. Williams, contempt; 155, P. W. Oakley, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 156, Adolph Birchnor, contempt; 156, John Walsh, unbecoming conduct; 173, E. E. Lindsey, drunkenness.

ILLINOIS.—By Lodge No. 9, J. C. Stuck, keeping house of prostitution; 21, H. T. Debrick; 22, R. H. Sangton, contempt; John D. Kilpatrick, J. F. Stevens; 24, Warren P. Rose, deserting family and adultery; 30, S. M. Snow, contempt; Edwin Phillips, fraud upon Lodge; 37, Zebedee L. Foster, fraud; T. P. Clayton, outrageous assault and beating and general meanness; 43, Milton P. W. Blackburn, absconding and defrauding creditors; Dr. S. S. Rice, altering permanent secretary's books and defrauding Lodge; Henry Swingman, drunkenness and abuse of family; 48, Charles J. Bradley, vilifying brothers and the Order; Wm. Verhoeven; 58, Fridolin Herr,

dishonesty; 63, Alex. Todd, drunkenness; Benj. F. Smith, fraud, perjury, deception, and other dishonorable conduct; 66, John Downey, contempt; Chas. Phillips, contempt, charge of vilifying the Order; Wm. Bothwell, contempt, charge of trying to kill his daughter; 70, J. H. Downing, swindling; 72, E. M. Richwood, public abuse of the Order; 73, T. J. Gladwell, gambling and wronging a brother; 77, George W. Brown, theft; L. E. Normand, revelations and lying; 78, Norman Curtiss, contempt; 83, C. Doyle, contempt; 84, N. H. McNeall, contempt, charge of intoxication; 89, R. B. Underhill, fraud, doing business under false name, and absconding; 95, W. B. Greene, contempt; 106, Daniel Boles, contempt, charge of drunkenness; 107, Thomas B. Clark, contempt; 109, James F. Davis, lewdness and drawing benefits from consequent disease; 121, W. B. A. Carter, imposter; 132, John Hogan, swindling, and threatening brothers; 138, Burrett Allen, drunkenness and fighting a cripple; 159, N. H. Maxwell and Jacop Opp, intoxication and contempt; 160, J. H. Ormby, (real name J. H. Bentley,) using assumed name and bigamy; 161, Augustus Jann, running away and leaving security to pay debt; 164, Joseph B. Runyon, assault with deadly weapon and intent to kill; 166, John A. Dillman, insolence and abuse to Lodge; 182, John B. Barton, drunkenness; 190, Samuel A. Sympson, drunkenness; 204, D. W. Small, intoxication; 214, G. B. Ricketts, adultery; 221, Joseph Zurcher, contempt; Ferdinand Luebeke, delirium tremens; 233, W. Qualls, lewd attempt upon a virtuous woman; 241, F. M. Williams, drunkenness and contempt; 250, F. W. Davis, embezzlement and drunkenness; 255, B. B. Spaur, contempt, charge of swindling; 256, Luther Pumyea, habitual drunkenness; 257, Wm. Eads, James E. King, contempt; D. C. Lincoln, defrauding a brother; 262, H. T. Jones, robbery; J. H. Herbert, contempt; 270, J. L. Crawford, producing fatal abortion; 271, J. B. Scudder, intoxication; John A. Mills, fraud; 276, B. B. Floyd, Larceny; 279, A. B. Peebles, contempt, charge of drunkenness; 286, Herman Liebman, swindling brothers and others; 289, Samuel Davis, Lewis Wilson, contempt of Lodge and disrespect to officers; 293, J. B. Foltz, contempt, charge of drunkenness; John Foulk, infidelity to family; 294, E. L. Butler, contempt; 295, Hugo Kock, drunkenness and fighting; 299, H. H. Rippe, habitual drunkenness; Jacob Herb, drunkenness and abuse of wife; 304, David Rowland, habitual drunkenness; 317, Wm. R. Cobb, contempt; 319, Henry Hasty, theft and maltreating a brother; Mahlon Aldridge; 320, Gerson Schiff; 324, James D. Gray, unworthy conduct; 338, John Daubach, abusive language to Lodge and disclosures; 340, James Scott, ill treatment of orphans to whom he was guardian; 341, James McGill, drunkenness; 348, George W. Steele, intoxication, abusive language to brothers and contempt; 350, Mayer May, defrauding his employer; [this fellow is supposed to be in California;] Geo. Leahart, contempt.

CONNECTICUT.—By Lodge No. 3, Joseph McIntosh, adultery; 6, Mark Bassett, contempt.

TEXAS.—By Lodge No. 5, M. Schutterle, conduct unbecoming; 9, Francis Dickson, conduct unbecoming; 13, Francis Ludolph, conduct unbecoming; 21, D. C. Johnson, conduct unbecoming; 84, J. M. Ramsey, perjury; 93, T. G. Patrick, robbing United States mail.

TENNESSEE.—By Lodge No. 1, J. L. Wells, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 3, E. Ashton and J. Freil, contempt; S. T. Hailman, drunkenness; 17, L. F. Puffer, desertion of family; M. N. Frink, gaming; 22, James E. Bybus, entering Lodge room intoxicated; 25, Wm. McWilliams, contempt; 30, Jas. R. Williams, contempt; 48, J. W. Harris, contempt of Lodge; 61, J. T. Fox, bigamy; 87, E. J. Featherston, violating Article XXVI., Section 4, Constitution; 92, W. B. Lister, contempt; 161, P. G. W. F. Orear, viola-

tion of Constitution and making false statements to the Lodge; 112, Morris J. Franklin, bigamy and swindling the Lodge; 116, J. J. Holoman, contempt.

GEORGIA.—Three; names and cause not given.

MAINE.—Two; names and cause not given.

MICHIGAN.—By Lodge No. 3, John Scott, drunkenness; 6, J. T. Vought, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 8, C. Vanstrand, defrauding the fraternity and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 24, Chas. Heale, contempt; 52, A. L. Smith, forgery and dishonesty; 56, A. Snook, drunkenness and defrauding brother; 57, N. P. Dickinson and Wm. H. Mesler, drunkenness; 73, Henry O. Smith, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 80, Martin Follett, deserting family; B. B. Umberger, drunkenness; 85, Samuel Mennis, violating his obligations; 95, Wm. M. Kennard, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 99, Myron Benjamin, no cause given; 103, W. H. Church, drunkenness.

WISCONSIN.—By Lodge No. 14, L. C. Campbell, defrauding brothers and contempt; 19, John Gaines, immoral conduct; 47, H. F. Patton, contempt; 79, A. Morgan, habitual drunkenness; 97, Paul Degen and F. Weiss, immoral conduct; 100, Nathan Bruce, deserting his family; 110, C. W. Sellech, defrauding a brother; 111, Chas. Pfatenhaner, immoral conduct; 112, Chas. Blankenhoen, immoral conduct; 114, Lucius Collar, habitual drunkenness.

ARKANSAS.—By Lodge No. 1, Thos. J. Brannan, contempt; 7, D. H. Johnson, general misconduct.

MINNESOTA.—By Lodge No. 6, O. Darling, deserting his family, cohabiting with another woman, and defrauding brother Odd-Fellows; 7, William Hewett, desertion of family and leaving them in destitution; John Parks, drunkenness and contempt.

CALIFORNIA.—By Lodge No. 8, Michael Kennedy, contempt; 24, G. W. Forbes, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 30, F. H. Keser, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 33, L. T. Cogswell, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 38, W. N. Pascoe, contempt; 39, E. B. Rollins, contempt; 41, Wm. Davis, contempt; 45, F. Clausse, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; Thos. Allment, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 53, Garret Reagan, contempt; 56, A. M. C. Busan, contempt; 67, Watkins Winston, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 75, John H. Lutley, grand larceny; 80, C. M. Pike, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 82, John Kreigel, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; 96, Wm. B. Carson, contempt; 101, John Duffy, contempt; 107, Thos. S. Levy, fraud; 121, J. W. Rosser, contempt; 130, D. M. Hanson, contempt. By Lodge No. 1, Sandwich Islands, Dr. A. C. Buffum, conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION,

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1868.

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; READ, of New Jersey; TERWILLIGER, of New York; GAREY, of Maryland; FITHIAN, of Ohio; McCARTY, of Indiana:

Resolved, That Section 5 of Article I. of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "by a unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives."—*Page 4369.*

By Rep. ROGERS, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; BURTON, of Vermont; RUSSELL, of New York:

Resolved, That Article I., Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read, "this Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," and by adding the words, at the close of the section, "provided that this amendment shall not be in force until the 1st day of September, A. D. 1870."—*Page 4370.*

By Rep. KINGSBURY, of Maine, seconded by Reps. LADD, of Maine; CUMMINGS, of Maine; PAGE, of Wisconsin; SHIELDS, of Alabama; BARNARD, of Alabama; CLARK, of North Carolina; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; LATHAM, of Virginia; ROBINSON, of Virginia; STRONG, of Minnesota; ESCAVAILLE, of Maryland; ELLIS, of Maryland; THAYER, of South Carolina; MARTIN, of South Carolina; DUVALL, of West Virginia; BAIRD, of West Virginia; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; PAINE, of Rhode Island; MAYES, of Mississippi; BARBER, of Mississippi; McAFFEE, of Ontario; DENNIS, of Michigan; OAKES, of Michigan; MILLER, of Georgia; WOODYATT, of Ontario:

Amend article XIV., Section 2, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting the word "fifty."—*Page 4398.*

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Reps. SLOAN, of Missouri; MARIS, of Delaware; ROGERS, of Illinois:

Amend Article XVI., Section 4, by striking out the words "upon such terms as it may prescribe," and insert the words "upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe."—*Page 4422.*

By Rep. MAYES, of Mississippi, seconded by Reps. FITHIAN, of Ohio; BARBER, of Mississippi; WHITE, of New York; Ross, of New Jersey:

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States by inserting the words "Most Worthy" after the words "name, style, and title," in Article I., Section 1.—*Page 4422.*

By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. ROGERS, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, of New Haven; WOODYATT, of Ontario:

Amend Article I., Section 1, of the Constitution, to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872, by striking out in the second line the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Supreme Grand Lodge."—*Page 4434.*

By Rep. ELLIS, of Maryland, seconded by Reps. ROGERS, of Illinois; MAURO, of Missouri; ADAMS, of New Hampshire; WOODYATT, of Ontario:

Amend Article XVII. of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872) by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" at the end of the article and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge."—*Page 4434.*

BY-LAWS

AS AMENDED BY THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1868.

ARTICLE XXII.—REGALIA.

The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely, first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Plain white aprons for initiatory degree.

The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar—each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves; Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple Degree, purple collars only, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall wear the regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the coat of arms of the State represented.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock M. and adjourn at half-past three P. M.

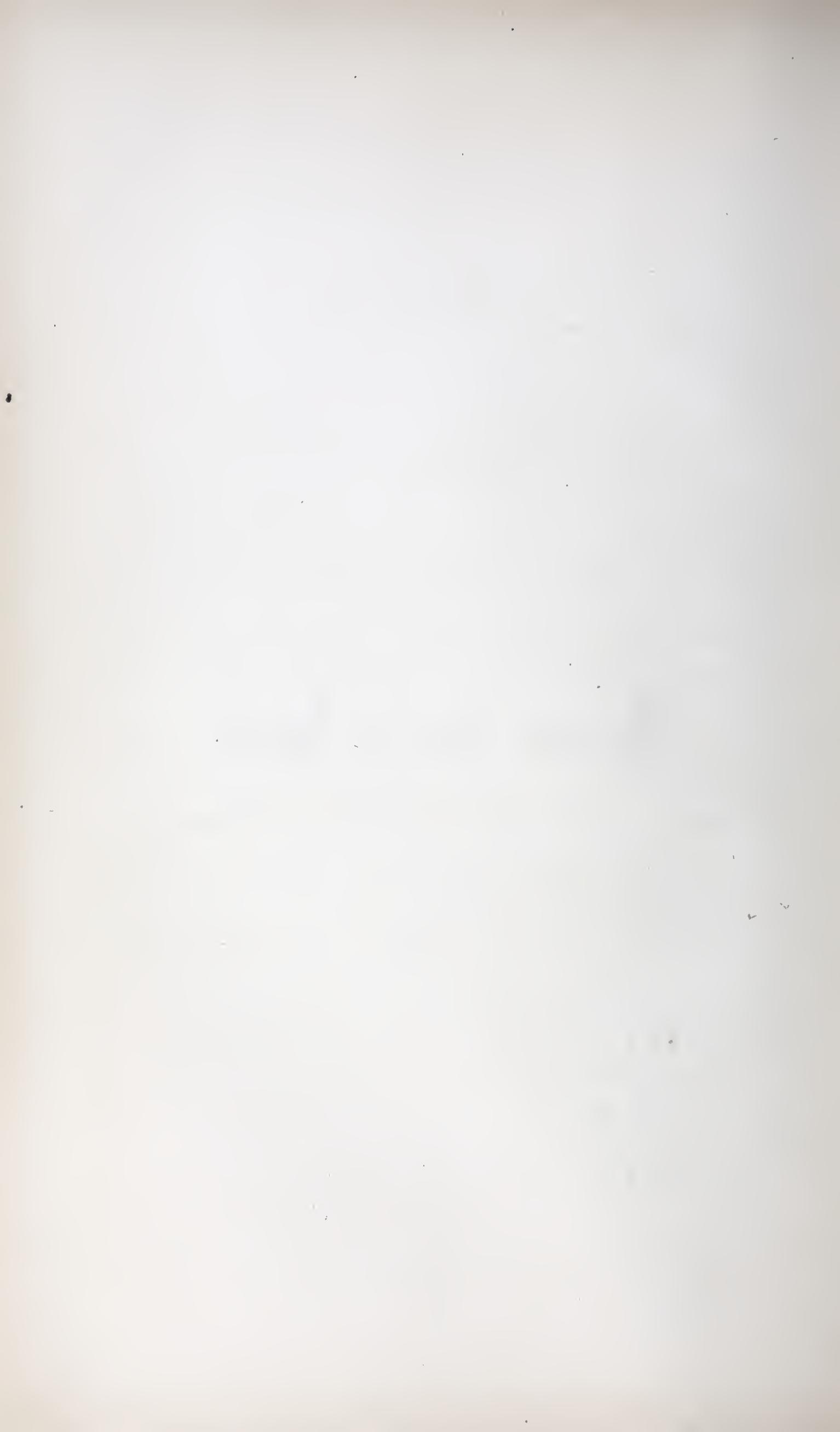
Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed..... copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that..... copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative, who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

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And shall bear good fruit for others,
Fruits of joy and peace and love,
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In the immortal land above.—*New Age*.

HORATIO NELSON CLARKE, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the 2d day of June, 1868.

“He connected himself with our Order when it was in its infancy, and for thirty-six years maintained the character of a true Odd-Fellow.”—*Journal*, 4407.

JOHN W. HODGSON, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, on Sunday, the 9th of August, 1868.

“In all the relations of life he acted well his part, being an untiring Odd-Fellow, an affectionate husband, a tender parent, a good citizen, and a true friend.”—*Journal*, 4408.

JOHN LIBBY, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, at his home in the city of St. Louis, on the 18th day of August, 1868, “full of years and honors.”

“He was one of the most active and sincere members of our fraternity in the jurisdiction of Missouri.”—*Journal*, 4409.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, at his residence in the city of Waterbury, on the 5th of June, 1868.

“In all the relations of life, Bro. Townsend bore an irreproachable character. . . . In his death the Order has lost a much loved and valued member.”—*Journal*, 4410.

HENRY L. RUCKER, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in Chicago, January 7th, 1867, in the 58th year of his age.

“Our Order has had few members more zealous, devoted, and energetic.”—*Journal*, 4414.





